

## 7-day early voting starts today

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission is all set for the seven-day early voting that will kick off today, Tuesday, for Saipan, Tinian, Rota.

CEC executive director Robert A. Guerrero said yesterday they are prepared to open at 8:30am today and entertain voters who would come in

He said Tinian and Rota voting

booths will open at the same time.

For Saipan, early voting will be at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, while Tinian and Rota will have it at their respective Department of Public Safety buildings.

Early voting for about nine or 10 registered voters who are actually living in the Northern Islands started last Sept. 20. But since no boat from Saipan has yet to go to Pagan, Alamagan, and other islands where the

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## Bid to sequester ballots under advisement

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief

Judge Ramona V. Manglona placed

under advisement yesterday the Commonwealth Election Commission's and Gov. Eloy S. Inos' motion to delay the tabulation and certification of votes cast for the Article 12 initiative and se-

quester the ballots pending the disposition of their appeal.

After hearing the arguments of the parties in the case, Manglona said she

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## Kilili wants NMI to share visitors center with Guam

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) wants the Marianas Trench Marine Monument Visitor Center to be built on Rota so it can be co-managed with the University of Guam.

"If we put it on Rota, that's another economic development for the island.

Not only that, the University of Guam has a very vibrant and very large marine laboratory. They do research and have scientists from all over the world

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## Local

## Delta cleans up Kilili Beach; collects 940 lbs of trash

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As part of Delta Air Lines corporate social responsibility to the community, they did their first ever community service

project in the CNMI, cleaning up Kilili Beach Park to Civic Center Park in Susupe early yesterday morning.

According to Delta sales account executive Christopher Concepcion, over 40 employees

collected 940 lbs of trash despite the heavy rain.

Concepcion said they began at 7:30am and ended at 12pm, after which the staff was treat-

Steven Crowdey, Delta's di-

pines, and Australia, who was also at the cleanup, said that Delta staff from Japan and the Philippines joined Delta's Saipan employees for the cleanup.

Delta's Japan and Philippines

"We don't have that many people here, so it is nice that we have staff flying in from overseas to help the local staff and do what they should be doing in the local

He said it was a first for them to do the cleanup and they will figure out what to do next.

"The Delta team has been a positive contributor to the communities where we live, work, and operate. We are a valuesbased company and strongly focused on maintaining a sustainable business model for our employees, our customers and our shareowners," he said.

## WWII fallen Carolinians and Chamorros to be honored

By DENNIS B. CHAN

For the Carolinians and Chamorros who perished in a war not of their own making, the Marianas Memorial Blessing and Remembrance at the American Memorial Park this Thursday will honor their memory.

staff included sales and infor-

mation technology teams.

community," Crowdey said.

The ceremony from 4:30pm to 5:30pm is hosted by the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.

It occurs 10 years after the first Marianas Memorial commemoration in 2004, and about 70 years after World War II ended in the Pacific.

The memorial, located near the Court of Honor, a memorial for U.S. service members, honors those who lost their lives from the beginning of the aerial bombardment of Saipan in June 1944 to the closing of Camp Susupe in July 1946.

Included in the memorial are the names of all the Marianas war dead.

The list was gathered by the Department of War Claims, the CNMI office of the Washington Representative, the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, various federal agencies, and the CNMI Historic Preservation Office.

The list was certified by the CNMI government in 2004.

Traditional performances, like kulu blowing, or the summoning of the spirits, and the Hukun I TaoTao Tano Chant will take place before the ceremony.

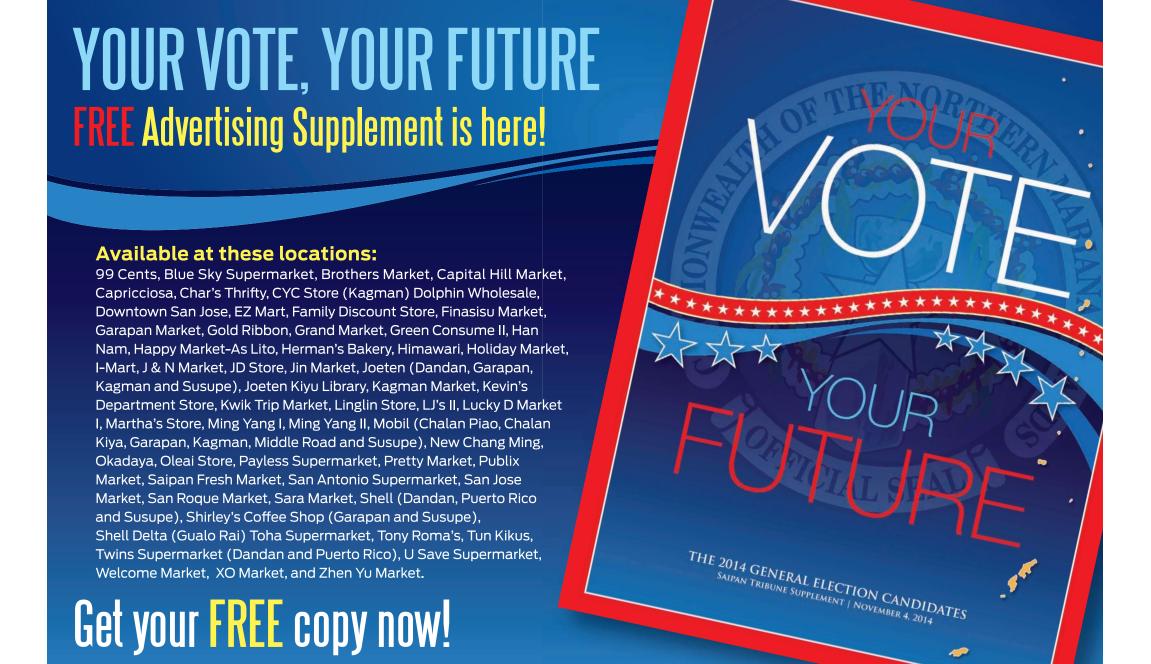
There will be prayers, a brief candlelight vigil and silent meditation, a wreath laying, and blessing of the monument and a moment of silence.

Light refreshments will be served.



JAYSON CAMACHO

More than 40 staff members of Delta Air Lines did their first community service project cleanup from Kilili Beach Park to Civic Center Park. Despite the heavy rain, 940 lbs of trash was collected.



## Speeding car crashes at former La Fiesta, 3 hurt

## **ONCE CONTRACT PROCESS GOES THROUGH**

## 4 Kagman roads soon to be paved

Responding to complaints of the Kagman community about the neglected state of their roads, the Department Public Works is well on its way to choosing a contractor that will pave four Kagman III roads.

Department of Public Works' highway administrator Ben Cabrera told Saipan Tribune that once the contractor is hired, Kagman III residents will finally see improvements in their roads.

The four roads that will be fixed are Chopak Drive, Katbun St., Pine Drive, and Mangga St.

"What I can say now is that the contract still needs to be done. The document has to go through the branches of the government before they give the 'notice to proceed' and do the project," he said.

Cabrera also disclosed that the lowest bid received by DPW was in the amount of \$506,466.94.

The money came from some \$2.7 million that the Legislature appropriated in July this year, of which \$600,000 went for the paving of Kagman roads.

Cabrera said they are now in a construction administration process, which means every authority that needs to sign the document will have to do so to move the project forward. After that, they will then move into the construction phase and then the construction management of the project.

"If the contract is signed, the contractor will have 240 calendar days—eight months—to do the project. But it won't be focused on all four at one time, because they are in different areas. The contractor will start in one area and later move to another area," he said.

Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) disclosed to Saipan Tribune that the lowest bidder for the project was Ha-

waiian Rock Products.

Kagman III roads have al-

ways been a longstanding

problem for residents in the

area, who drive through large

potholes created by the rain,

constant dust that causes health

hazards to children walking

from schools, and disintegrating

To alleviate these roads' con-

dition, Precinct 5 Reps. Lorenzo

Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan)

and Antonio Agulto (R-Saipan),

with the help of the Saipan

Mayor's Office, have been ei-

ther grading these roads or plug-

ging potholes with asphalt.

car tires both old and new.

Three teenagers, including the driver, were injured when a speeding car they were riding lost control, hit a road median, flipped, and slammed into a concrete wall in front of the former La Fiesta Mall in San

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Roque Saturday afternoon. All three, described as locals, were brought to the Commonwealth Health Center for treatment and were later released, according to Sgt. Tom Blas yesterday.

The driver, a 15-year-old male, had abrasions and bruises on the right hip, right knee, shoulder, and right arm. He was cited for being an unqualified driver, speeding, reckless driving, and other traffic infractions, Blas said.

The 14-year-old female passenger complained of pain in the right lower head, right shoulder, and arm.

The injuries of the 14-yearold male passenger were not indicated in the report released to the media.

Police said DPS Central received a call about a crash that occurred in front of the former La Fiesta Mall on Saturday at 1:16pm.

At-scene investigation conducted by Sgt. Anthony Macaranas showed that the blue four-door Toyota Corolla with license plate ABC-538 was being driven by the 15-year-old boy and was traveling north when the driver lost control as they neared the former La Fiesta Mall compound, causing the car to swerve into the inner northbound lane and hit the road median.

The car then flipped and continued into the southbound lanes until it slammed into a concrete wall on the southbound shoulder. The car came to rest on the "merging" southbound lane.

Further investigations and processing of the crash scene led investigators to conclude that speed was a factor and cause of the crash.

The car had extensive damage on the right and top sides.



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### **AS ROAD REPAIRS STRETCH TO 2015**

## DPW asks for motorists' patience

The Department of Public Works is asking for the motoring public's patience as it continues with a number of road-reconditioning projects along major thoroughfares of Saipan.

Highway administrator Vicente "Ben" Cabrera said DPW

is currently working on three road-reconditioning projects and have issued request for proposals for two others.

He said work on Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, which is the road leading up to the traffic light at the Northern Marianas College, is 90 percent done, while roadwork along Beach Road and Middle Road are expected to be completed by May and April 2015, respectively.

Cabrera, however, cautioned that, like all road projects, the completion dates are all tentative



Cabrera

as inclement weather can always wrought havoc on schedules.

He said the Chalan Monsignor Guerrero project is worth \$170,000 and has RNV Construction as its contractor, while the Beach Road and Middle Road projects are at a cost of

\$600,000 and are being done by RadioCom Saipan Inc.

The two other road-reconditioning projects in the pipeline include the stretch of highway from Shell Dandan to Mobil Koblerville and the road from Lower Capitol Hill to Suicide Cliff. The former is at a cost of \$460,000, while the latter has a contract worth \$700,000.

"I want to ask for people's patience as we continue on these road construction," said Cabrera, adding that all these projects are federally funded. (Mark Rabago)

## Energy campaign to go to Tinian

Works through the Energy Divi- table stove for each attendee. sion Office will be hosting the 2014 Tinian Energy Awareness Campaign on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, with two sessions (morning and afternoon) at the Tinian Gymnasium. The first session is from 9am to 11am; the second session is from 2pm to 4pm.

This event will provide the residential community tips on how to conserve energy at home and how to save money using efficient products that carry the Energy Star label and educate the community on the importance of energy conservation in the CNMI.

The Energy Division through its Energy, Education, and Efficiency and Conservation Program efforts, will be raffling

The Department of Public either a 16" pedestal fan or por-

Due to limited seating, interested individuals must preregister with the CNMI Energy Division office to confirm attendance. Preregistration started yesterday, Oct. 27, and will end on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014. For more information and to register, call the Energy Division at 664-4480/1, Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm. In addition, registered attendees will be required to present a valid photo ID and a copy of their most recent utility bill in their name to be allowed to participate in the sessions. Without a photo ID and recent CUC bill, interested participants will be turned away. (DPW)



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## FHB, magazine award NMC students with scholarships



From left to right, Lauren Basa, Denicia Avendano, Roy Alegre, Claudette San Nicolas, and Jasmine Che, this year's 2014 First Hawaiian Bank and Guam Business magazine businesswoman of the year scholars. Behind them stand Northern Marianas College officials, FHB and GMB representatives, and businesswoman of the year Shirley Sablan.

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who conduct marine research under the UOG marine lab," he told Saipan Tribune.

As it is, Sablan said, the CNMI has problems maintaining its infrastructure and co-managing the visitors center with the UOG would solve that problem.

"What will the CNMI do if we get a visitors center and we have to maintain it? We may have a little problem maintaining the infrastructure. I would like this venture—the Marianas Trench actually belongs to both the CNMI and Guam—to be shared [with] Guam. One way we can do it is if we build it on Rota. It will be close to Guam and just right on the water and work with UOG. Please start

thinking big. We should do this and, if scientists doing their research find something, they can exhibit it there."

The tie-up with UOG will allow the visitors center on Rota to attract tourists from the region, especially from China, according to Sablan.

"China is really growing fast and the traffic there is really bad. People are always on the phone and they do business 16 hours a day, seven days a week. There are over a billion people in China and many of them are getting wealthy. Not in the sense that they're super rich, but getting wealthy in a sense that they can afford to go on vacation once a year and recharge."

If the visitors center is built on Rota, it will only enhance the island's reputation as an ecotourism destination, he said.

"Ecotourism is a very important part of this development. That's why there are more tourists flying to Palau than to the Northern Marianas and they go to Palau for one thing only—nature. They all want to recharge and I want to develop Rota for ecotourism. Rota is a beautiful island. Look, it was hardly touched during World War II. We have on Rota the bird sanctuary. We already have a conservation area to develop into a national park. I want to create a center there where scientists can come and do research on the Marianas Trench."

Sablan said the visitors center on Rota will not only be huge for the island, but the entire CNMI as well since it would add another tourist attraction to the destination.

"People from China, who are just five hours away, will want to

go there. They would like to go to Rota to escape the traffic and the daily grind. They can stay on Rota for a few days and go to the bird sanctuary, go to see the fanihi. Rota has both flora and fauna that are endemic to the island. We want to exhibit that. We need to create something for Rota's economy. You can't have ecotourism on Saipan."

During the past few years, potential locations for a visitor center have been proposed. In April 2013, the Legislature issued a joint resolution recommending the center be built at Marpi, citing ease of both tourist and resident access. Others also urged for the visitor center to be built on or near the Northern Marianas College campus. A \$100,000 study also looked at the old lighthouse on Navy Hill as a potential site.

ple who want to vote early don't

in the CNMI history.

Of the 19,986 registered voters, 1,658 are from Tinian, 1,797 are from Rota, and 165 are from Northern Islands. The remaining voters are from Saipan.

On Saipan, the largest number of voters is from Election District I: San Antonio, San Vicente, and Koblerville. There are about 4,889 registered voters in these areas.

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voters are, CEC has yet to facilitate their voting.

Northern Islands voters who are currently on Saipan may cast their early vote on Saipan starting today.

Guerrero said they are proceeding as they normally would until such time there is an order from the court for re-coding of ballots.

"We're anticipating getting a lot of early voters this election," Guerrero added.

Early voting will be done every day starting today until Nov. 3, from 8:30am to 4pm. The early voting concept started in

Guerrero earlier said that peo-

have to show any documents to support their reason for doing so. He said the law says if voters

feel like they're not going to be able to go to polling places on election day for certain reasons like medical or personal business, they can vote early.

As of Oct. 14, 2014, the number of registered voters has already reach 17,986, the highest

> Her assistant coach in the national team, Jersh Angeles, said despite her diminutive size (5'4" and about 115 lbs), Silberberger was always fearless in the pitch, throwing herself headlong against taller and heftier opponents.

"We're both happy and proud Tennis coach Jeff Race, of her heroic deed and look forward to having her play again for the CNMI," said Angeles.

> matized by last week's incident, Silberberger's friends and co-workers on Saipan expressed their sympathies for Silberberger and prayed for her quick recovery. They also offered condolences to the families of the two who died

By DENNIS B. CHAN

First Hawaiian Bank and Guam Business magazine awarded \$7,410 worth of scholarships to six Northern Marianas College students yesterday at the Board of Regents conference room.

Shirley Sablan, this year's FHB Businesswoman of the Year, was there to congratulate the students.

"I'm glad you guys have chosen to start smart and start at NMC." she said.

The students' awards were based on how many credits they enrolled in this semester.

Since 2006, a total of \$284,237 has been awarded to 92 students in both Guam and Saipan.

This year eight scholars were awarded in Guam, and six on Saipan. Lauren Basa, Roy Alegre, Denicia Avendano, Jasmine Che, and Claudette San Nicolas were present to accept their awards.

Lauren Basa, who is a freshman at NMC under the business management program, said she is enjoying her experience so far and hopes to become a top executive in the hotel industry on island someday.

She said she plans to attend school at NMC for all the four years of the program.

scholarship money yesterday and expects to use it to pay for her tuition.

Roy Alegre, notably the only male scholar, said the application was challenging because it was intended for women mostly. However, he felt he answered the essay part of the application well.

He hopes to be businessman as well, and just completed his associate degree in business from NMC in May. He looks forward to completing his bachelor's degree at the college as well.

Magazine publisher Maureen Maratita encouraged the students to participate in future scholarships.

"Many of our awardees have family, work, all sorts of community commitments. We're glad we can take some of the financial pressure off their backs and encourage them to complete their education," she said.

The award is available to NMC students to reapply if they wish to pursue their education in Guam as well, she

Maratita said there are success stories from people who have been helped from the awards, like several valedictorians in college, and some who have gone on to work for federal agencies.

"The Northern Marianas She received \$1,140 in will need business managers. It is important to the community," she said.

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understands the need to issue a decision promptly.

The hearing was originally set for Wednesday, but the court reset it for yesterday.

Assistant attorney general Charles E. Brasington argued for CEC, chairperson Frances M. Sablan, executive director Robert A. Guerrero, and Inos.

Brasington called to the witness stand Guerrero, who explained how the ballots for the general election look like, how they are secured at the Department of Corrections, and how they will be tabulated.

Guerrero said the cost to reencode the tabulation machines is only \$300 to \$400.

Brasington asked the court to allow everybody to vote on House Legislative Initiative 18-1 pursuant to Manglona's previous order but postpone the tabulation of the votes until the appeal process has concluded.

Brasington asserted that there is a great deal of uncertainty as to what would happen if House Legislative Initiative 18-1 passes and then the order is overturned on appeal.

"We seek to avoid that uncertainty," he said. "There is significant amount of irreparable harm that could occur in that situation." he said.

House Initiative Legislative 18-1 is a proposed amendment to Article 12, which restricts the ownership of land in the CNMI to persons of Northern Marian-

as descent.

Manglona pointed out that she issued the decision in John H. Davis' case in May, yet it took Brasington four months to return to the federal court and the 9th Circuit to submit the sequestration motion.

Brasington cited understaffing at the Office of the Attorney General and personal reasons as to why he only filed the motion recently. "I understand the court's frustration as to the timing of the motion," he said.

Brasington said that rather than seek a stay or stop the district court's order, the injunction they requested merely seeks to postpone the counting of the ballots for the initiative.

Attorney Jeanne H. Rayphand, counsel for Davis, said voting includes tabulating the votes and announcing the results.

"They want to keep that secret until the appeal is finished. We don't want any more denial of the right to vote," Rayphand told reporters after the hearing.

At the hearing, Rayphand said the court should deny CEC's and Inos' motion because they are unlikely to succeed on the merits in their appeal and that, among other things, the Commonwealth will not suffer irreparable harm if an injunction is not issued.

"What we're concerned about is the right to vote," she said.

Davis, a registered voter in the NMI and a non-NMD, sued CEC and its officials in his desire to vote on any initiative to amend Article 12. Manglona ruled in favor of Davis.

## **EX-KAGMAN**

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CNN quoted Marysville Education Association president Randy Davis as saying that Silberberger confronted freshman Jaylen Fryberg and stopped him from killing or injuring others. Fryberg, 15, later died from the same Beretta .40-caliber handgun he used to shoot students at the school.

One student, Erick Cervantes, confirmed Silberberger's heroic deed to CNN affiliate KIRO.

"She just grabbed his arm," said Cervantes. "She's the one that intercepted him with the gun. He tried either reloading or tried aiming at her...I believe she's actually the real hero."

Silberberger taught at Kagman High School from 2011 to 2013 and school secretary Kim Camacho said they are proud of Silberberger's actions during last week's shooting rampage.

Camacho remembers Silberberger as a proactive teacher who was loved by her students and respected by her peers.

She said Silberberger always took lockdown drills at Kagman High seriously and that's probably why she acted the way she did during last week's tragedy "as her instincts just kicked in."

Like other public schools in the CNMI, Kagman High holds lockdown drills thrice every quarter, Camacho said.

Silberberger is also part of CNMI Women's National Football Team and one of her teammates, Patricia Coleman, said what Silberberger did last week in Marysville-Pilchuck High School is pure Megan.

"I'm not surprised that she would take action in a dangerous situation. She's just that type of person. Megan was a teammate who knew how to encourage others. She also was a

volunteer coach for Paire Football Club U15 girls and always went the extra mile to make sure that the girls she coached made it to practice and games. She definitely has a 'can-do' attitude," Coleman said in an email to Saipan Tribune.

whose daughter Gabrielle is also Silberberger's teammate in the women's national soccer team, said Silberberger was always a tough girl not only in the pitch but also outside of it.

"She's that kind of person. I'm not surprised at all that she would jump in to do something like that. She's a real action-oriented person," said Race.

Women's nationals manager Angie Ito learned about Silberberger's heroic act after watching the news yesterday morning. She said she's still in shock to find out that Silberberger put her life in harm's way to prevent more senseless killing.

After reportedly being trauduring the rampage.

"We are praying for her and we are here for her in any way that she needs us to be. We love her and know that she will find the strength to work through the tragic event that recently took place," said Coleman.

## 'Small biz initiative may sustain growing economy'

By DENNIS B. CHAN

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If the CNMI spends the \$13 million under the State Small Business Initiative program by 2017, the CNMI may see its return in local loan programs tailored to fit the needs of a growing economic base, according to Nancy Montoya, U.S. Treasury consultant and principal at TTA Consulting Group.

"This is an allocation that comes down from Treasury. We have to get the funds out by 2017 but if we are successful, and successful in making good loans, then when Treasury exits the program in 2017, we get to keep those funds here," she said, adding that both the principal and the interest of these funds may be used locally.

"The beauty of this is it can be tailored to meet the needs of local businesses. It can change to meet what the needs of the businesses are," she said.

She said if the tourist base grows between now and 2017, some businesses may need to borrow money to provide services to the growing casino industry, such as tour services.

So far, four loans have been closed under the program, with five approved for a total of \$990,000, according to Aaron Wood, loan officer of the Commonwealth Develop-

ment Authority.

Of the loans closed, three are for businesses on Saipan, and one on Rota.

"We have a lot more money to use," he said.

About \$4 million is already at the local level, according to Wood. While the program expires in 2017, the "important deadline" is June 2015, when 80 percent of the \$4 million must be committed to receive the next batch of funds.

A total of 18 jobs have been created on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the last six months with the loans that were closed, Wood said.

#### **Business** expo

From bank representatives to local entrepreneurs, over 125 people showed up at CDA's Small Business Banking Expo at the Hyatt Regency Saipan last Saturday to learn more about the opportunities under SBBCI.

These people ranged "all along the spectrum," from businesses that are just starting to ones that are expanding, according to Wood.

He said the SBBCI essentially allows businesses that are turned away by banks due to a shortfall in collateral to avail of this credit enhancement program.

Also if these businesses need technical assistance with packaging business plans to entice bank loaners, then CDA refers

shrine was renamed the Saipan

memorial service for those who

died in the war have been held

Katori-Jingu Shrine Chief

Priest Takahashi said it was

the first shrine built in the

In their message, Gov. Eloy

S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider said the Katori

Shrine on Saipan has given the island's Shinto practitioners a

place to pray and worship for

Priest Takahashi for making the

pilgrimage to visit it and our is-

Tudela said she was very pleased to join the KJA and the

Japanese Society of the NMI

in marking the shrine's 100th

one, as it signifies that the very

strong bond between Japan and

the NMI is still intact, that their

culture, belief, and relationship

persevered for a century, despite

the ups and downs of human

progression," Tudela said.

"It is truly a very special

land," Inos stated in his letter.

"As the only Katori Shrine outside of Japan, we thank High

Since then, the celebration of the Saipan Katori Shrine and

Katori-Jinja Shrine.

every year in October.

South Sea Islands.

the last 100 years.

anniversary.

celebrates its 100th anniversary of the government of Saipan, By JAYSON CAMACHO jayson\_camacho@saipantribune.com REPORTER the shrine was rebuilt. The reconstruction was completely accomplished in 1985 and the

Sugar King Park's Katori Shrine

The Katori Shrine on Saipan marks its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and the occasion was celebrated Saturday at the Sugar

King Park on Middle Road. The event was attended by representatives of numerous agencies, including the Marianas Visitors Authority, government officials, Saipan Mayor Marian DLG Tudela, Chief Priest Shoji Takahashi of the Katori Jingu Shrine in Chibu Prefrecture, and members of the Japanese Society of the NMI.

A program was later held at the Fiesta Resort and Spa's World Café at 11:30am, during which plaques of appreciation were presented to representatives of the Katori Jingu Shrine.

Saturday's celebration of the shrine's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary gave community members a chance to look back and think on the history of Saipan.

The Katori Shrine was originally built in 1914. It was moved from a small hill to its current location, the Sugar King Park in 1931 and was renamed the Saipan Shrine. It was burned to the ground during World War II.

Forty years after the end of the war, through the efforts of the Katori Shrine Association of Japan and the cooperation

"We're excited to see small business opportunities. We're excited to see new entrepreneurs follow their goals and vi-

sion. We're just happy to be a

them to the CNMI's Small

Business Development Center's

director, Perry Inos.

part of this," Wood said. Some of the ideas Montoya has heard from aspiring businesses range from fishing to alternative energy, retail to auto part stores, restaurants to other service industries.

One of the big success stories of the expo, she said, was how people from "all walks of life" participated, like women entrepreneurs.

"Women are opening business faster than men. It's really great to see a lot of women here on island come," she said.

From top elected officials to people running the "restaurant next door," Montoya said, the island community has been "so supportive" of the program.

## Turn that 'no' into a 'yes'

Montoya called the CNMI SBDC the "coach for businesses" looking to get loans from banks here.

"We try to take your 'no' to a 'maybe.' Then we try to transition your 'maybe' to a 'yes,' with the SBBCI program," said SBDC's Inos.

Banks often turn businesses away for lack of collateral, which is common on island.

"We are the matchmakers. We make borrowers as ready as they can be," he said.

SBDC can help loaners prepare financial feasibility studies, taxes, sales projections, financial statements, "the whole nine yards in accounting," Inos said.

Because some banks on island consider business running for two years to be "start-ups," it can be difficult to get banks to trust the proposals of these businesses, he said.

"We want to take the banks and the borrowers and put them in one room and see the demand, and today [at the expo] I think they were overwhelmed. I think it's going to be a good relationship now," he said.

Right now, the small business community in the CNMI is "booming" in preparation for a different economy, according to Inos.

"It's booming quicker than we can respond," he said. "All these little businesses who can bring tourists will have a bigger customer base."

More tourist agencies, ATVs, adventure packages, eco-farms, more customers for hotels, and more farms supplementing them can be expected, he said.

"We have more business licensing approved this year than last year," he said.

He believes the SSBI program can help sustain the success of these businesses and the economy.

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Sonya Dancoe takes the helm of COTA board

By JAYSON CAMACHO

The newly reorganized advisory board of the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority has elected Sonya P. Dancoe as its chair during the body's first meeting at the COTA conference room last Thursday.

Dancoe, who represents the business community, said yesterday she did not expect to be nominated to lead the Commonwealth Public Transportation Advisory Board.

"However, due to the essence of time and difficulty of establishing a quorum, I felt it was simply in the best interest of the organization to accept the nomination so that business can begin and critical decisions can be made in a timely manner," Dancoe said.

She assured, though, that

operations

is truly honored to be chosen for the position. "I believe we have a strong group of individuals serving as members and I look forward to a successful year ahead."

Dancoe has already had some experience working with the staff and management of COTA and has seen the organization grow from a twoperson operation to the diverse group it is today.

"I have seen how COTA's management operates, and I feel very comfortable working with such a dedicated, well organized, and knowledgeable group of staff. The professionalism and organization transpires throughout every meeting that we have had with the leadership at the COTA office," she said.

Department of Public Works vice chair and Public School

From left to right: David Manglona representing Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola, Tom Guerrero representing DPW Secretary Martin Sablan (CPTAB vice chair), CPTAB chair Sonya P. Dancoe, CPTAB secretary Patricia P. Kapileo, and Henry Hofschneider representing Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz.

The other new officers are Secretary Martin C. Sablan as

System's Patricia P. Kapileo as secretary.

The new CPTAB officers will be serving a two-year term. The board assists and advises COTA and the governor in developing a community-based, multimodal surface transportation system that provides mobility for all, complements land use, and improves air quality.

Other board members include Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola, Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, and COTA special assistant for public transportation Thomas J. Camacho.

The advisory board's duties

transportation needs and making recommendations to COTA on developing a viable public transportation system.

Camacho said the board was recently reorganized due to the passage of Public Law 18-71, which amended PL 17-43, trimming the number of board members from 10 to six and requiring one to be of Carolinian to be a member.

Camacho said the new officers term will begin in Janu-

Prior to the meeting on ride@gmail.com.

include reviewing the CNMI Thursday, COTA held a new membership and staff orientation last month so that new board members would understand their mandated roles and responsibilities.

> Thursday's meeting also included discussions on the final Saipan bus route map and the final Bus Stop Designation Report.

For more information about descent and at least one woman CPTAB and COTA, call 664-2682 or email at cota@gov. mp. For Call-a-Ride reservation, call 664-2690, text at 483-4344 or email cnmicalla-



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# Chamber postpones gubernatorial forum

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has postponed its Gubernatorial Forum originally scheduled last night at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Chamber executive director Jill Arenovski said they are shooting for a Thursday date for the forum, which will give Gov. Eloy S. Inos time to return from the Philippines, where he is undergoing a "routine medical procedure."

"The return of Gov. Inos has

been delayed by a few days, and the campaigns of both Edward M. Deleon Guerrero and Heinz S. Hofschneider have requested a postponement until such time as the governor is able to attend. Juan N. Babauta was willing to fulfill his commitment to attend but has also agreed to a postponement so that all campaigns can get their policies and platforms out to the public in a fair and equal format," Arenovski said in an email

to Saipan Tribune.

Arenovski said a lot of people have been really looking forward to the Gubernatorial Forum and it would be a disservice to the voting public and the community in general if the event pushes through with not all candidates present.

She earlier said the Gubernatorial Forum had been sold out as early three weeks ago.

The 2014 general elections

mate, Senate President Ralph Torres, running under the CNMI Republic Party banner.

The GOP duo will be challenged by the independent team of former governor Babauta and his running mate, former senator Juan Torres; the independent team of former House speaker Hofschneider and his running mate, former Senate floor leader Ray N. Yumul; and the Demo-

will have Inos and his running cratic Party team of former will then be given 3 minutes to Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero and his running mate, former representative Daniel Quitugua.

Like the Senatorial Forum held last Oct. 15, the Gubernatorial Forum will have the moderator picking five random questions from a set of questions submitted days before the event.

Each gubernatorial candidate

### give his 2 cents worth on the issue and another minute for rebuttal if needed.

For those who will be missing out on the Gubernatorial Forum, the Chamber said that Flametree TV will be videotaping the proceeding and will air it afterward.

Proceeds from the senatorial and gubernatorial forums will benefit the Chamber's Scholarship Fund and the other Chamber programs that benefit our local business community and the general public.

The four-way gubernatorial race on Nov. 4 is expected to be headed for a gubernatorial runoff race if not one of the teams gets at least 50 percent plus 1 of the votes cast during the general elections. (Mark Rabago)

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## HCC supports broad

## >> Task force to receive public comments until Nov. 3

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has thrown its support behind Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's call for broader screening for diabetes.

In an email to Saipan Tribune Monday, CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muna said they support Sablan's and the U.S Preventive Services Task Force's recommendation to expand the screening guidelines for diabetes.

Muña said that, as a policy, she hopes that more funding becomes available for health care outpatient access.

"Nevertheless, we still encourage everyone to seek preventive care. We need for everyone to see a doctor, even if they are not experiencing any pain or illness," she said.

According to Muña, the hospital has seen patients who had no idea they have diabetes until the complications of the disease occur and, as diabetes complications become more serious, medical intervention becomes

more complex.

"Whatever the outcome of the task force's recommendation, CHCC will continue to encourage everyone to have an outpatient or primary care visit. The cost of healthcare can only go down when people are healthier because of preventive measures," Muña said.

The task force is accepting comments to the draft recommendations online at the U.S Preventive Services Task Force website, www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org. Comments will be accepted until Nov. 3.

Early in October, Sablan joined 61 of his colleagues in the U.S. Congress to call for broader health screening guidelines that will help detect prediabetic conditions in people.

In a Sept. 30 letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sally Burwell, Sablan and other members of the House Diabetes Caucus said knowing that one is on the verge of having diabetes could help people make lifestyle changes that could possibly

avert the disease. According to the caucus, 29 million Americans today have diabetes and another 86 million are at high risk for the disease.

A week later, Sablan announced that the task force has agreed that adults age 45 and older should be routinely screened for Type 2 diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes, also known as adult-onset diabetes, accounts for 90 to 95 percent of all diagnosed cases of diabetes, according to the Department of Health and Human Services' National Diabetes Report.

"Broader screening is important because finding the disease early can stop its progress or slow it down," Sablan said.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

A meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2014 at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda:

- Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Adoption of Minutes
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Video Lottery Regulations
  - B. Casino Matters
- VII. New Business
  - A. Election of Officers
- VIII. Executive Session
- IX. Adjournment
- For futher information, please contact the Lottery Commision by telephone through the Office of the Attornev General at 237-7500

Winners of the Marianas Visitors Authority's latest promotional campaign in Taiwan found "Love in Tinian" this month, documented by three accompanying media outlets.

Six winners arrived on Oct. 2, 2014, at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, the major prize sponsor of the campaign contest designed to promote Tinian as a romantic vacation destination.

The winners were accompanied by media outlets Taiwan TV (TTV), Sanlih iWalker

Winners of the "Love in Tinian" contest and Taiwanese media reps take a commemorative photo with Marianas Visitors Authority marketing specialist Laura Hsiao, fourth from right, and Mango Hotel director of sales and marketing Elly Stoilova, sixth from left, in October 2014 at Mango Resort on Saipan.





## Taiwanese find 'Love in Tinian'

magazine, and ETtoday, who conducted a simultaneous FAM(iliarization) tour of the island. The media made stops at Chulu Beach, House of and the MVA office. Filming was also conducted at the casino. Additional filming on Saipan was cancelled due to Typhoon Vongfong.

"According to our marketing/language specialist who accompanied the group, the typhoon blew off some of the fun, but it didn't blow away their love for Tinian and manager Bruce Bateman.

TTV was scheduled to release four major stories on Tinian, highlighting history, culture, nature, leisure activities Taga, the Tinian Blowhole, and entertainment. The station World War II heritage sites, reaches over 240,000 viewers with its evening news and over 480,000 viewers with its onehour International Hot Topic program, where Tinian will be promoted.

> Sanlih iWalker magazine will feature Tinian on four pages of its December 2014 edition, circulating 100,000 copies.

ETtoday online media focuses on hot travel news and will Saipan," said MVA marketing publish several articles. (MVA)

## Pacifica Insurance launches holiday-themed art contest

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. would like to spread the holiday cheer throughout CNMI by holding an art contest called the Pacifica Art Contest.

The purpose of the contest is to promote the arts by holding an event that not only welcomes the holiday season but one that also rewards participants for their hard work. The lege external relations officer contest will give children ages 6 Frankie Eliptico, Sweet Escape through 17 an

opportunity to share and display their

artistic skills and talents.

Contestants must create an original art piece that is centered on the contest's slogan: "Rest assured it's Christmas." Dimensions must not exceed 18"x 24". Acceptable media (or materials) include water-based paint, oil-based paint, pastels, and crayons. Pieces may also be hand-drawn.

The deadline to submit entries to Pacifica Insurance's office in Susupe is on Nov. 4, 2014, at 3pm. Submissions must be in

their original state and must include the artist's full name, age, school name, telephone number, and mailing and email address.

Artwork will be judged on four criteria: creativity and originality, quality of art piece, clarity of theme, and presentation. The panel of judges includes Northern Marianas Col-

acifica executive chef Ray-In surance mond "Seiji" Underwriters, Inc. Sonoda, and AllStar Sporting Goods manager Soledad Tenorio.

The winner of the contest will be announced on Nov. 10, 2014, and will be entitled to \$200 cash and other prizes.

For additional details on the Pacifica Art Contest, call (670) 234-6267/7722/7310 or log on to www.pacificains.com/artcontest for details. Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. would like to remind the public to keep the holidays safe. (Pacifica Insurance)

## SelectCare offers 2nd option to fed employees, annuitants

U.S. Office of Personnel Management, which approves health plans and administers benefits for federal employees and annuitants, has approved Calvo's SelectCare to offer a second option to employees and annui-

## Unsettled weather up to Wednesday

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Homeland Security And Emergency Management, trade-wind disturbances will maintain an unsettled weather pattern through Wednesday night.

Combined seas of 5 to 7 feet will fall to between 4 and 5 feet today, Tuesday, and tomorrow, Wednesday. Gentle to moderate winds will prevail through

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 10am today, Tuesday, along north facing reefs. Expect hazardous surf at 7 to 9 feet along north facing reefs to fall below hazardous levels this

The public is being advised to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north facing reefs as rip currents will be life threatening. (HSEM)

**Guam**—The tants in Guam and the CNMI. In addition to the High Option offered in the past two years, a new Standard Option will be offered by Calvo's SelectCare for the 2015 calendar year.

"We are very excited to offer a second option to the Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) program [in] Guam and the CNMI, and enhance the benefits and services that are provided to the employees

and annuitants. During the past couple of years, we introduced new benefits and services to the federal employees and annuitants and this second option will only serve to augment the options available to them," said Frank Campillo, Health Plan Administrator.

The Calvo's SelectCare Health Plans are underwritten by Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Limited, a Guam domestic

insurer, and administered by Calvo's Insurance Underwriters. TMPI is the only health insurer on Guam that is rated A+ by AM Best, and Calvo's Insurance just celebrated 75 years of doing business in Guam and Micronesia.

This will be the third year that Calvo's SelectCare is approved to offer health insurance benefits to the FEHB program in Guam and the CNMI, and the first time to offer two options to our benefits and services during this group.

Frank Campillo added: "In addition to the wellness initiatives introduced in the prior year, SelectCare is adding a new wellness reward program available on both options that will be offered in 2015. We look forward to providing additional information on the options available to the FEHB members this year and further expand on FEHB program. (PR)

the upcoming open enrollment season."

FEHB members are able to choose from either of the two options during the open enrollment season that starts on Nov. 10.

Calvo's SelectCare provides health insurance benefits to the Government of Guam, commercial groups on Guam, the CNMI, and Palau, and the



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## **EDITORIAL**

## When it comes to the Internet and the International Telecommunication Union, less is more

he International Telecommunication Union, an arm of the United Nations that oversees global communications networks, has alarmed tech advocates by debating whether to extend its authority to the Internet. Although it's chilling to think of the U.N. asserting jurisdiction over an area that has been open, innovative and largely unregulated, the chances of a hostile takeover of the Internet are slim. The ITU can, however, use its long-standing role in telecommunications standards to help extend access to the Net to the millions of people around the world who cannot log on today.

The Internet has grown into a global communications platform thanks to voluntary standards developed by engineers and academics, not regulators or elected officials. Governments have a say on some issues—for example, the creation of top-level domains, such as .com and the forthcoming .buy—as do Internet service providers, equipment vendors, consumer advocates and many other stakeholders. In recent years, however, some governments have pushed for actual control over how the Internet is governed. Among them are authoritarian regimes and developing nations that want more influence over the content and services offered online.

This faction is trying to persuade the ITU, which is run by U.N. member governments, to assert itself as a policymaking body for the Internet, taking on such issues as cybersecurity, the prices charged for transmitting data and the ability to communicate anonymously online. But as much expertise as the ITU may have on how networks connect and how wireless frequencies are shared, it has no business meddling in how information flows through those networks and frequencies.

Happily, the ITU can't simply impose its will on the world. The international agreements it adopts aren't binding unless individual countries change their laws and private networks change their contracts to align with the ITU's wishes. That's not to say the United States shouldn't push back, hard, against any effort to expand the ITU's role beyond its usual oversight of telecommunications standards. But the real threat comes from countries that already can and do assert power over the ISPs and websites within their borders, Balkanizing or censoring the Internet to support their regimes.

This week, more than two dozen public interest groups from around the globe offered the ITU a sensible list of do's and don'ts. For example, they urged the agency to encourage the spread of low-cost approaches to wireless Internet access. The ITU should be working on that and other efforts to expand the reach of the Internet, not the reach of its own authority.

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## Inspiration from a father

n 2009, I spent an afternoon talking with Malala Yousafzai's father, Ziauddin, in an outdoor garden in Mingora, the capital of the Swat district of Pakistan, which had just been freed from months of Taliban control.

I thought of that conversation when Malala, now 17, received the prestigious Liberty Medal in Philadelphia this week, and when she was named co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize earlier this month.

When I met her father, the name of his precocious 12-year-old was still unknown to the world—and he was still keeping it a secret—although she had been blogging under a pseudonym for the BBC for the previous year about life under the Taliban.

But Ziauddin's courage as a civic activist and champion of girls' education was already well known to locals in the Swat valley, and he was on the Taliban hit list. "I was afraid I would be killed and I had to sleep at different places outside my home," he told me, at a time when the Taliban was cutting off heads of opponents in Swat. "The Taliban wanted to negate our right to culture, music, poetry, and education, and to impose their culture on us."

As Malala's name garners headlines, I believe it is important to recognize the crucial role her father played in her intellectual development, along with the role of open-minded male relatives who help women rise up in societies that want to keep them down.

The Swat valley is a lush district of orchards, streams, and waterfalls; it used to be a destination for middle-class Pakistani tourists and honeymooners. A traditional princely ruler, or wali, had built a network of schools in the valley that helped the region outpace the literacy rate in other areas of Pakistan (although it faltered after the wali's death in 1969).

In traditional Pakistani tribal society, female illiteracy is shockingly high—even Malala's mother is only now learning to read. Women are expected to remain subservient and nearly invisible. Ziauddin wanted to change that pattern and founded the Khushal Public School for girls in Mingora nearly two decades ago. As he movingly described in a TED talk about his daughter, he proudly admitted Malala into his school when she was 4 years old. (TED talks by intriguing people are posted online at www.ted.com/talks).

"Why should I mention the admission of a girl in a school?" he asks rhetorically. "It may be taken for granted . . . in many developed countries, but in patriarchal societies . . . it's a big event for the life of the girl. Enrollment in a school means recognition of her identity and her name. . . . (It) means that she has entered the world of dreams . . . where she can explore her potential for her future life.

"I have five sisters, and none of them could go to school. What my father could not give to my sisters and to his daughters, I thought I must change it." He did.

Had her father not had this progressive mindset, it's unlikely that Ma-

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lala could have led her fight for girls' education, no matter her talents. Indeed, it is almost as critical to educate men and boys in traditional societies about the value of educating girls as it is to fight for the right of girls to attend school. (Changing the male mindset in traditional societies may be even harder than opening doors for girls.)

However, from the moment of Malala's birth, her father displayed a totally different outlook. As he pointed out, in patriarchal societies the birth of a girl is not celebrated. But when Malala was born, he said, "I looked into her eyes (and) I got extremely honored." He named her after a legendary Afghan freedom fighter, Malalai of Maiwand. And when a relative brought him a Yousafzai family tree, tracing male ancestors back 300 years, he drew a line from his name and wrote "Malala," the first female name on the page.

Sadly, the Taliban have staged a partial comeback in Swat. When Malala was shot in the head at age 15 by a Taliban goon, her grief-stricken father asked his wife whether he was to blame. Was he wrong to have broken societal rules?

His illiterate wife, whose father followed those rules, gave a firm answer, as he recalled: "You put your life at stake for the cause of truth... and for the cause of education, and your daughter is inspired from you and she joined you. You both were on the right path, and God will protect her."

Now Malala has recovered and become the best-known campaigner for girls' education in the world. But her story reminds us that, as I've heard repeatedly from activist women in Afghanistan and Pakistan, support from male relatives is usually crucial in enabling them to move forward.

It's not that those men made the women what they are. Their key role is often quite different. Ziauddin Yousafzai put it well when he described his response to people asking whether he had "made Malala so bold and so courageous."

"I tell them, 'Don't ask me what I did. Ask me what I did not do," her father says. "I did not clip her wings, and that's all."

For that wisdom, so rare and courageous in his world, Malala's father deserves full recognition as a partner in the major awards she has achieved.

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## Inspiration from a father

story of three judges who acted so injudiciously that you're forced to wonder why they were ever given the gavel. Two are male, one is female. Two were appointed, one was elected. Two work in the federal system, one for a state. The only common thread that connects these jurists is the one made of arrogance and hubris, one that—if you tug at it ever so slightly—should unravel the robes they are privileged to wear.

I tell this tale as someone who has an almost sacramental respect for the judiciary. I spent most of my early years with a man who was voted an inaugural Legend of the Philadelphia Bar and who would quiz me on the names of Supreme Court Justices (I was 8, mind you.) Some of my fondest memories include sitting on the edge of the bathtub and playing "Objection!" with my dad who, taking time out of his shaving and rinsing, would tell me whether I was sustained or, more usually, overruled. Daddy was not a judge, but had he lived beyond his woefully insufficient 43 years, everyone agrees that he would have been.

After law school, I clerked for a judge, James Cavanaugh, who was a superb human being and who taught me what it means to be "learned" as opposed to merely "educated." I've worked with men and women who have treated both the profession, their colleagues and most importantly, their clients with a respect bred from humility. We lawyers are lucky to be doing what we do, and if we are merely lucky, judges have hit the jurisprudential jackpot.

They should be grateful. But as this very "grim" tale explains, that is hardly the case. Three judges are just a drop in the mediocre bucket, but they're enough to corrode the public's confidence.

porly behaved judges dishonor their professionThis is the by Justice Seamus McCaffrey, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, whose penchant for pornography and self-pity has earned him a suspension from his peers on the court. Some feel that what a man does with his private, um, emails, is irrelevant to his ability to act judiciously. That might be the case if the person who is receiving and sending emails that allegedly include girls in uniforms doing what Billy Joel says Catholic girls do "much too late" delivers your pizza, adjusts your heating system or drives the train that gets you to work.

> But when he is sitting in judgment over cases that involve sexual harassment and abuse, in addition to all of the other cases that require something more than the mind of a frat boy in heat, it is inappropriate (the nicest word I could find in my limited lexicon) for him to be engaging in that hobby. I'm not saying he shouldn't do it. I'm just saying he should make a choice between sitting on the bench and sitting before a flickering computer screen in the dark.

> Then we have another judge who works for Uncle Sam on the bankruptcy court, a place I hope I never see from the petitioning side. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Jean FitzSimon, of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, was annoyed at several people who showed up in her courtroom the other day, people who themselves were justifiably annoyed at the way they'd been jerked around by a defunct used-car dealership and its foaming-at-the-mouth creditors. When one of the debtors had the audacity to explain himself in emotional terms, Judge FitzSimon apparently called him an "ape." This was probably not a racial slur, even though the agitated gent was Latino. It was simply a judge losing control of her courtroom and her senses, and acting like an extra in some Spike Lee film

I remember that when Judge Cavanaugh would get upset, the The first and most egregious example of mediocrity was exhibited only sign of displeasure was a bushy raised eyebrow. It was enough

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to make me take a deep breath and inwardly recite the prayer to St. Michael. That is exactly the type of demeanor that was missing from Judge FitzSimon, a woman who has no business calling other human beings "ape" if she's pulling down a paycheck from the taxpayers.

Finally, we have J. Dan Pelletier, an immigration judge in Atlanta who earlier this month refused to grant a continuance to a woman on maternity leave. Judges do have discretion to decide when a case should go forward, but I can tell you that the matter involved here was nothing more than a case status that generally lasts no more than ten minutes. The judge ordered the mother to be present, and so she was, with her child strapped to her chest since she couldn't find a babysitter.

The baby started doing what babies do: cry. And the judge insulted Mama Lawyer in open court and on the record.

Generally, I'm inclined to give immigration judges the benefit of the doubt. They are overworked, underpaid and misunderstood. But it's chutzpah to tell a woman who has no other option that bringing her baby to court makes her a bad lawyer and mother.

I wish that these three examples were aberrations, but they're not. I think we need to send prospective jurists to ethics school. Lesson No. 1: Don't diss the robe.

## What do Americans most fear?

By JERRY LARGE

Tust in time for Halloween a new poll asks what Americans fear most. It isn't zombies or ghosts. These lists of fears and concerns are more than entertainment. They are a window into how we view the dangers in our lives.

Researchers at Chapman University, in Southern California, conducted a lengthy survey of adults from across the country then organized the responses into four areas of fear or concern, personal fears, crime, natural disasters and what they called fear factors in which researchers tried to figure out who has what fears and why.

In general, Americans think crime rates are climbing, when in fact they've been declining for about 20 years. (The decline has been dramatic, but some crimes have increased in the past couple of years, though not to 1990s levels. The recent upticks aren't a trend yet, but might affect perceptions of safety.) And most Americans, while concerned about natural disasters, aren't prepared for the very real dangers posed by them.

Law-enforcement data show the country getting safer over the past two decades as rates for violent crime declined, or for some crimes remained flat, but a majority of surveyed Americans are sure the rates have gone up. Among the crimes Americans think are on the rise are school shootings, human trafficking, gang violence, pedophilia, sexual assault and child abduction.

This matters because broadly shared misconceptions about crime rates affect both personal behavior and public policy. Someone worried about stranger violence might choose to stay home rather than venture downtown in the evening, or voters might demand harsher laws if they feel unsafe.

Americans' top five fears are: 1. Walking alone at night; 2. Becoming the victim of identity theft; 3. Various risks of using the Internet; 4. Being the victim of a mass/random shooting; 5. Public speaking

Except for public speaking, the list reflects the kinds of stories that have high profiles in the news, and they get airtime and big headlines because they are out of the ordinary. Cancer, heart disease and stroke are far more dangerous, but weren't at the top of the list.

It's important to stay safe on the Internet and to avoid walking in truly dangerous places, but should they be at the top of people's concerns? No. Eat right, exercise and drive responsibly, and you'll have a good chance of living longer. But that's kind of boring. People respond to more dramatic dangers. Sugar just doesn't look that scary.

Here's another list from the survey, the top five worries or concerns: 1. Identity theft on the Internet; 2. Corporate surveillance of Internet activity; 3. Running out of money in the future; 4. Government surveillance of Internet activity; 5. Becoming ill

These are all things we often can do something about if we make good judgments about the risks they pose. You probably won't be exposed to Ebola, but you have a good chance of contracting flu. You probably should get a flu shot and stay out of hospitals if you have a choice for reasons other than Ebola. The flu kills more than 30,000 Americans a year and infections acquired in hospitals cause far more deaths than the flu

Natural disasters are frightening. In this region we face potentially devastating volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, though they happen infrequently enough that most people probably don't think about them very often.

Americans listed these as the top five feared natural disasters (and their consequences): 1. Tornado/hurricane; 2. Earthquakes; 3. Floods; 4. Pandemic or major epidemic; 5. Power outage

A power outage is not exactly a natural disaster, but outages are often caused by natural phenomena, like our fall windstorms. It's almost November, so I'd better check my flashlights.

The survey found that despite their fears, only 25 percent of Americans have emergency kits ready.

The researchers found that most Americans knew they should be prepared, but just didn't act on the information they had about preparedness.

The survey looked at the factors that affect which people are more likely to have various fears. A couple of things stood out as predictors of fear—having a lower level of education and watching lots of television.

Fear is necessary for survival, but it poses its own dangers when it doesn't match reality. The value of this survey is that it offers a starting point for some mental and emotional rebalancing to match fears with realistic levels of danger so that we can do what we need to do to really be safer.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Update firearms laws in the CNMI

The Department of Public Safety is asking the Legislature to address the need for updated firearm laws in the Commonwealth

A lawsuit challenging the Weapons Control Act is currently pending before the United States District Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The lawsuit challenges the constitutionality of several key provisions of the Commonwealth Weapons Control act.

The first provision challenged in the lawsuit is Section 2222(e) of the Weapons Control Act. Section 2222(e) prohibits the importation, sale, transfer, purchase, or possession of handguns in the Commonwealth and it prohibits the possession of certain rifles and shotguns. If Section 2222(e) is held unconstitutional by the court, then handguns will be legal and largely unregulated in the Commonwealth. Further, a wide range of rifles and shotguns will also become legal in the Commonwealth.

The second provision challenged in the lawsuit is Section 2206 of the Weapons Control Act. Section 2206 requires a person to possess a valid identification card if the person wishes to carry a firearm. Significantly, section 2206 prohibits a person from carrying a fire-

The firearm is unloaded and kept in a closed container; or

Locked in the trunk of a vehicle while being transported to or from a target range, a hunting area, or a sport involving firearms; or

The person is actively engaged in hunting or sports involving the use of firearms.

If the court holds that Section 2206 is unconstitutional, then it will be legal for any licensed person to carry a firearm openly in the

In early September the department's legal counsel, James M. Zarones, was asked to draft a comprehensive firearms bill. The bill was recently completed and forwarded to the Legislature for its review and consideration. The bill provides for taxation of certain firearms; thorough background checks; registration and tracking of all firearms; an assault weapons ban; firearm vendor licensing; the transition of the current law to the new law; gun-free zones; and rules for carrying a firearm.

The Legislature must act on this issue without hesitation. If the law is not updated swiftly, then the Commonwealth may be flooded with unregulated weapons; the damage to the peace and safety of the Commonwealth will be felt for years.

Further, if new laws are not enacted, then police officers, employers, and owners of private property will be unable to stop others from openly carrying firearms wherever and whenever they please.

For these reasons, the Department of Public Safety hopes that the Legislature will consider the proposed firearms bill, hold public hearings, and adopt new laws as quickly as possible. Any delay in the passage of new laws could have terrible consequences for the people of the Commonwealth.

James C. Deleon Guerrero Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

## The Weather

#### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

THURSDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms East winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms East winds 5 to 10 mph **▲85° ▼75°** 



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. **▼77**° **▲ 87° ▼77**°



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#### Yesterday's Satellite Image

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#### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough heads northeastward from 13N132E through a low centered at 17N135E to end at 23N147E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring over the Marianas within an area bounded by a line from 18N147E to 12N147E to 12N142E back to 18N147E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found farther west within 90 miles of a line from 12N135E to 14N143E. A weak circulation is centered west of Chuuk at 7N145E. Scattered showers are seen southwest of the center or south of Koror and south of a line from 6N134E to 3N146E. Isolated thunderstorms are seen east of Koror and Yap to south of Guam within an area bounded by a line from 8N136E to 13N150E to 5N145E back to 8N136E. A surface trough extends northeastward from the circulation west of Chuuk to 15N154E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present northeast of Chuuk within an area bounded by a line from 17N152E to 13N164E to 7N154E back to 17N152E. A weak circulation is centered east of Kosrae at 6N166E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are taking place over Kosrae between the equator and 11N from 160E to 167E and also south of Majuro within 125 miles of a line from 2N167E to 6N177E. A surface trough curves northeastward from 15N166E to 23N171E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located just east of Wake Island within 125 miles of a line from 17N166E to 19N172E to 23N173E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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## Business

## United Airlines inaugurates nonstop Guam-Seoul service

**GUAM**—United Airlines inaugurated yesterday daily non-stop service between its Guam hub and Seoul, South Korea, offering an opportunity for South Korean passengers to travel to Guam and the region. The airline uses Boeing 737-800 aircraft to operate the

"Joined by our customers and business partners, we are thrilled to celebrate the launch of the daily nonstop service to Seoul today," said Sam Shinohara, United's managing director, Business Development - Asia/Pacific. "As Guam's hometown airline, we are delighted to bring additional economic benefits to our tourism industry and further expand the extensive route network from our Guam hub."

"We congratulate United on their service from Seoul to Guam and appreciate their commitment in promoting Guam as a premier destination. Our partnership to grow arrivals is very important to us as we continue efforts to diversify and strengthen our markets," said Karl Pangelinan, general manager of Guam Visitors Bureau. "We look forward to welcoming more visitors from Korea and encouraging them to return to experience Guam's Håfa Adai spirit and unique cultural heritage."

### **Inaugural ceremony**

The inaugural ceremony was held at Guam's A.B. Won Pat International Airport yesterday morning with the arrival of 괌에 오신 것을 환영합니다 WELCOME TO GUAM, USA UNITED

▲ CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Guam Visitors Bureau marketing officer II Felix Reyes, United airport operations supervisor Jonathan Sablan, United senior sales manager Paula Monk, United sales account manager Sally Malay, United sales account manager Marissa del Rosario, United city ticket office manager Loriegene Aflague, Miss Earth Guam Erin Wong, GVB marketing manager Pilar Laguana & RiMS account manager Regine Lee welcome visitors arriving on United's inaugural flight from Seoul, South Korea.

flight 164 from Seoul. Customers were welcomed by representatives of the United Guam



## Rise above juvenile office rivalry

Q: Last week, a colleague called me to complain about a new program that I started. "Joanne" talked at great length about her own ideas for making the program more effective. When I pointed out the flaws in her thinking, she said, "You've upset me so much that I have to get off the phone." Then she hung up. She actually sounded like she was about to cry.

After this conversation, Joanne told her boss I had been rude and insulting, so now he thinks I'm a troublemaker. I believe Joanne is trying to damage my reputation because she resents the fact that my program has been well-received. My first inclination is to never talk with her again for fear that she will twist everything I say. What do you think about this?

**A:** If you stop speaking to Joanne, you will simply be countering one juvenile behavior with another. So instead of getting all sulky and passiveaggressive, you need to come up with a more adult strategy. As a first step, take a moment to consider your recent interaction more objectively.

After an argument, people usually describe their own behavior as calm and reasonable, while portraying their opponent as angry or immature. It is therefore not surprising that vou see Joanne as childish and emotional, while she views you as disrespectful and impolite. In reality, there is probably some truth on both sides.

Because you and Joanne have to work together, you must make an effort to repair this relationship. Instead of focusing on your differences, find a way to involve her in your project or at least solicit her input. If you demonstrate an interest in her opinions, she may be more supportive of your new venture.

Q: I have a terrific new job and a wonderful boss, but I feel that I'm letting him down. Although I complete my work

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

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quickly and efficiently, he always seems to find something I forgot to do or a detail that I overlooked. We have a good relationship, but I worry constantly about being fired. How can I stop beating myself up for these errors and start doing a better job?

**A:** To solve this problem, you must first pinpoint the cause. Although I lack sufficient information to suggest an explanation, I can offer some possibilities.

If you have previously been successful in similar positions, you may simply be adjusting to new circumstances. In that case, you should be able to learn from your mistakes and avoid repeating them. But if this territory is unfamiliar, you

may need to develop some different work habits, such as taking explicit notes or carefully proofreading documents.

It's also possible that your wonderful boss is something of a perfectionist. While your previous managers may have valued speed and efficiency, this one apparently wants you to be thorough and precise. You must therefore clearly understand his expectations before tackling any unfamiliar

Regardless of the cause, however, heightened anxiety will only compound your difficulties. So instead of continuing to berate yourself, try to identify the reason for these errors and then implement some specific solutions.

sales team, Guam Visitors Bureau, government officials and Miss Guam. The celebration included a water salute, welcome leis and local refreshments.

#### Flight schedule

Flight UA163 departs Guam's A. B. Won Pat Guam International Airport daily at 8:05am and arrives at Seoul's Incheon International Airport at 12:10pm the same day (all times local). The return flight, complimentary premium wines flight UA164, departs Incheon and spirits. It also offers audaily at 10:25pm and arrives at Guam International Airport at 4am the following day (all times local). Flying times are approximately five hours 5five minutes northbound and four hours 35 minutes southbound.

#### **Onboard products and** services

United's Boeing 737-800 series aircraft are configured with 155 seats: 14 United Business and 141 United Economy.

United Business offers a superior business-class service. United Business amenities include comfortable leather seats, multi-course meals with

▲ CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Arriving passengers from UA164 were greeted by, left to right, Miss World Guam Chanel Jarrett, Miss Earth Guam Erin Wong, Guam Visitors Bureau marketing officer Felix Reyes and other representatives from the A.B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam Visitors Bureau and United Airlines. These inaugural flight passengers also enjoyed a welcome breakfast of coffee, local fruit and pastries compliments of United **Airlines** 

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ture adjustable headrests and overhead screens delivering inflight video entertainment.

### **United in South Korea**

United began non-stop service to South Korea in 1986 and today serves Seoul's Incheon International Airport with daily non-stop flights from San Francisco, using Boeing 747-400 aircraft, and from Tokyo, using Boeing 737-800 aircraft. (United)

## **Nation**

## Governors stress home quarantine for Ebola workers

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The gulf between politicians and scientists over Ebola widened on Sunday as the nation's top infectious-disease expert warned that the mandatory, 21-day quarantining of medical workers returning from West Africa is unnecessary and could discourage volunteers from traveling to the danger zone.

Late Sunday night, the governors of New York and New Jersey stressed separately that the policies allowed for home confinement for medical workers who have had contact with Ebola patients if the workers show no symptoms. They will receive twice-daily monitoring from health officials.

The emphasis on home confinement was at odds with the widely criticized treatment of a nurse returning from Sierrra Leone who was forcibly quarantined is a New Jersey hospital isolation unit even though she said had no symptoms and tested negative for Ebola.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said such quarantines in medical facilities would only be used in some cases, such as if the health care workers were from states other than New York or New Jersey. For workers under home confinement, family members will be allowed to stay, and friends may visit with the approval of health officials. Workers displaying any symptoms will go

straight to the hospital.

"My personal practice is to err on the side of caution," Cuomo said. "The old expression is, 'Hope for the best but prepare for the worst."

Under the protocols Cuomo detailed Sunday night, the state also will pay for any lost compensation if the quarantined workers are not paid by a volunteer organization.

For much of the weekend, the governors had been under fire from members of the medical community and the White House.

"The best way to protect us is to stop the epidemic in Africa, and we need those health care workers, so we do not want to put them in a position where it makes it very, very uncomfortable for them to even volunteer to go," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Meanwhile, Kaci Hickox, the first nurse forcibly quarantined in New Jersey under the state's new policy, said in a telephone interview with CNN that her isolation at a hospital was "inhumane," adding: "We have to be very careful about letting politicians make health decisions."

Saying the federal health guidelines are inadequate, Cuomo and Christie announced a mandatory quarantine program Friday for medical workers and other arriving airline passengers



Patient Nina Pham is hugged by Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, outside of National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. Pham, the first nurse diagnosed with Ebola after treating an infected man at a Dallas hospital is free of the virus. The 26-year-old Pham arrived last week at the NIH Clinical Center. She had been flown there from Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas

who have had contact with Ebola victims in West Africa, either in their homes or in medical facilities, and Illinois soon followed suit. Twenty-one days is

the incubation period for Ebola.

"We're staying one step ahead," Cuomo said Sunday night. "We're doing everything possible. Some people say take that criticism."

The Obama administration considers the policy in New York and New Jersey "not grounded in science" and conwe're being too cautious. I'll veyed its concerns to Christie mass transit.

and Cuomo, a senior administration official told The Associated Press earlier Sunday. The official wasn't authorized to comment by name and insisted on anonymity.

Fauci made the rounds on five major Sunday morning talk shows to argue that policy should be driven by science and that science says people with the virus are not contagious until symptoms appear. And even then, infection requires direct contact with bodily fluids.

He said that close monitoring of medical workers for symptoms is sufficient, and warned that forcibly separating them from others, or quarantining them, for three weeks could cripple the fight against the outbreak in West Africa-an argument that humanitarian medical organizations have also made.

"If we don't have our people volunteering to go over there, then you're going to have other countries that are not going to do it and then the epidemic will continue to roar," Fauci said.

Earlier this month, four members of a family in Texas that Ebola victim Thomas Eric Duncan stayed with before he died were confined to their home under armed guard after failing to comply with a request not to leave their apartment. Also, 75 Dallas hospital workers were asked to sign legally binding documents in which they agreed not go to public places or use

## Poll: Neighbors key to coping with disasters

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP)— Neighbor helping neighbor. Trust in a community. Looking out for each other.

An Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey suggests that factors—collectively termed "social resilience"have a big impact on how prepared communities feel for disasters such as Superstorm Sandy, and are seen as more valuable in a crisis than even government.

The survey polled more than 1,000 residents in a dozen communities hit by the 2012 hurricane in New York and New Jersey. It found that, regardless of income, residents in areas where people say their neighbors actively seek to fix problems in the neighborhood are three times more likely to say their community is extremely or very prepared for a disaster than people in communities without such social resilience.

Likewise, 37 percent of residents in areas reporting high levels of neighbors helping each other are very or extremely confident their neighborhood would recover

quickly from a disaster, compared to 22 percent in areas with lower levels of neighborly cooperation.

The survey also showed residents rely more on neighbors than government. Sixty-nine percent of respondents said they got help from neighbors in recovering from the storm, while 57 percent said local government assisted them and 55 percent cited federal government agencies as helpful. The survey has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.3 percentage points.

Experts say fostering that type of bottom-up help is just as crucial as addressing infrastructure needs and policy makers should take heed.

"Having that level of trust. that preexisting level of trust means you sort of have this reservoir to draw from in times of need," said the survey's principal researcher Kathleen Cagney, a University of Chicago sociology professor and director of the Population Research Center at NORC at the University of Chicago. "Money doesn't buy these informal reservoirs. You need to foster this."

In Hoboken, New Jersey, where the survey revealed high community trust levels, government officials and residents are focusing on ways to foster social resilience.

The city is launching a pilot program in a public housing development that will designate floor captains on each level to collect information on who is staying during a storm and what medical needs they may have. If successful, Hoboken's budget includes \$25,000 to expand the program to public and senior housing throughout the city.

"People, if they are individually prepared, can also make sure they are individually safe and their communities are safe," Mayor Dawn Zimmer said.

Hoboken resident Steve Peloquin, who works as a motion picture studio mechanic, has crafted another proposal to model rapid response teams based on how movie crews move in and out of areas. His job routinely entails setting up power, arranging for food and other amenities for crew members, and those same needs can arise during a disaster.

### Hospital: Teen wounded in school shooting dies MARYSVILLE, Wash.

(AP)—One of the teenagers wounded in a Washington state high school shooting died Sunday night, raising the number of fatalities from when a student opened fire in a cafeteria to three.

Officials at Providence Regional Medical Center Everett confirmed the death of 14-yearold Gia Soriano. Another girl was killed during the shooting Friday by a popular freshman at Marysville-Pilchuck High School north of Seattle. The shooter, Jaylen Fryberg, died of a self-inflicted wound.

Three other students remain hospitalized, two in critical condition and one in serious condition.

At a news conference, Dr. Joanne Roberts read a statement from Gia's family.

"We are devastated by this senseless tragedy. Gia is our beautiful daughter, and words cannot express how much we will miss her," the statement said.

Roberts said Gia's family was donating her organs for transplant.

Earlier Sunday, parents and students gathered in a gymnasium at the school for a community meeting, with speakers urging support and prayers and tribal members playing drums and singing songs. Fryberg was from a prominent Tulalip Indian tribes family.

Young people hugged each other and cried and speakers urged people to come together during the gathering Sunday.

"We just have to reach for that human spirit right now," said Deborah Parker, a member of the Tulalip Indian tribes.

"Our legs are still wobbly," said Tony Hatch, a cousin of one of the injured students. "We're really damaged right now."

Of the wounded students, only 14-year-old Nate Hatch showed improvement, though he remained in serious condition in intensive care at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. Fifteen-year-old Andrew Fryberg also remained in critical condition in intensive care. Both are cousins of Jaylen Fryberg.

14-year-old Meanwhile, Shaylee Chuckulnaskit remained in critical condition in intensive care at Providence Regional Medical Center.

The girl killed in the shooting Friday hasn't been officially identified.

Fryberg died in the attack,

after a first-year teacher intervened. It's unclear if he intentionally killed himself or if the gun went off in a struggle with a teacher.

The makeshift memorial on a chain link fence by the school, which will be closed this week, kept growing Sunday. Balloons honoring the victims and the shooter adorn the fence along with flowers, stuffed toys and signs.

The close-knit community, meanwhile, on the nearby Tulalip Indian reservation struggled with the news that the shooter was a popular teenager from one of their more well-known families.

A tribal guidance counsellor said no one knows what motivated Fryberg.

"We can't answer that question," said Matt Remle, who has an office at Marysville-Pilchuck High School, which is 30 miles north of Seattle. "But we try to make sense of the senselessness."

In the nearby community of Oso, where a mudslide this spring killed dozens, people planned to gather to write condolence letters and cards.

Remele said he knew Fryberg and the other students well.

## Asia

## Hong Kong protesters scrap vote on what to do next

HONG KONG (AP)—The leaders of Hong Kong's prodemocracy protests on Sunday canceled a vote on what the next step should be in their monthlong street occupation, saying they hadn't properly consulted with the demonstrators before calling the referendum.

The two-day vote, which had been scheduled for Sunday and Monday, was supposed to have gauged the protesters' support for counterproposals to offers made by Hong Kong's government following talks last week between student protest leaders and authorities

The government offered to submit a report to Beijing noting the protesters' unhappiness with a decision to have an appointed committee screen candidates for the semiautonomous city's leader, known as the chief executive. Protesters are demanding open nominations for chief executive in the city's inaugural direct election, promised for 2017.

"We admit that we did not have enough discussion with the people before deciding to go ahead with the vote and we apologize to the people," the protest leaders said in a state-

They also cited "differing



opinions regarding the format, motions and effectiveness" of the referendum.

Two student groups—the Hong Kong Federation of Students and Scholarism—and the activist group Occupy Central With Peace and Love had called for the referendum on Friday.

The vote would have asked

the protesters whether they supported having the government's report ask Beijing to consider open nominations for 2017 election candidates. The gov-

ernment had also made a vague offer for dialogue with the protesters, and the vote would have gauged support for ensuring it covered reforming Hong Pro-democracy leaders, standing from left, founder of the Occupy Central civil disobedience movement Benny Tai, students leaders Alex Chow, Joshua Wong, prodemocracy legislator Alan Leong and a representative from a students supporting union Wu Mei Lin bow for an apology as they scrapped the vote on their next step, in Hong Kong Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014.

Kong's legislature.

The groups behind the referendum had called for voting to be held only at the main downtown protest site, upsetting demonstrators at two other occupation sites located elsewhere in Hong Kong.

The protesters are facing growing pressure, with the demonstrations, which began Sept. 28, stretching into their second month and no sign of concession from the government.

Although thousands of people remain camped out at the main protest site, demonstrators said this past week that they did not see any resolution in sight.

"I think we should think about our plan and think about whether to retreat," protester Jo Tai said Sunday. "We can't occupy the streets with no time

### **ASIAN BRIEFS**

#### **Insurgents kill 4 Afghan police officers**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghan officials say that insurgents have attacked several police checkpoints in the northeast of the country, killing four police officers, while four civilians have been killed in two roadside bombings in the south. General Abdul Qadir Sayad, deputy police chief in Badakhshan province said on Sunday that a large number of insurgents simultaneously attacked several checkpoints in Wardoj district late on Saturday, and that at least four police officers had died while another seven were injured. Several members of the security forces are still missing, he said, and casualty figures could rise. Separately, two roadside bombings in Maiwand district, in Kandahar province, left four civilians dead and eight injured on Saturday, said Samim Khpolwak, spokesman for the governor. No one claimed responsibility though insurgents are active in both regions.

#### Pakistani military says iets kill 18 militants

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan's army says its jets have killed at least 18 militants as part of an ongoing offensive to eliminate militants' hideouts and ammunition stockpiles in the Khyber tribal region. An army statement Sunday says the jets destroyed five such hideouts with "precise strikes" during the offensive late Saturday night. Besides the militants killed, the army said the strikes destroyed huge caches of arms and ammunition hidden in various parts of the region, near the Afghan border. The Pakistani army is now regularly targeting militants' hideouts in Khyber, since fighters fled there from North Waziristan tribal region where it has been conducting a monthslong operation.

#### **US official urges Vietnam to improve human rights**

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—A U.S. official said Sunday that while Vietnam has made progress on human rights, it must do more if it is to forge closer economic and security ties with the United States. Assistant Secretary of State Tom Malinowski told reporters in Hanoi at the end of his five-day visit that the communist government should reform its laws to bring them in full compliance with Vietnam's 2013 constitution and its international obligations. Malinowski's arrival on Tuesday came the same day that Vietnam's government released prominent blogger Nguyen Van Hai and put him on a flight to the United States. State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said Hai had decided himself to travel to the U.S.

## Afghan mullah jailed for 20 years for rape

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— An Afghan court has sentenced a mullah to 20 years in prison after finding the religious teacher guilty of raping a 10-year-old girl.

The sentence, passed by a Kabul judge on Saturday, has been welcomed by family as well as women's support groups as a rare victory in their fight for justice for female victims of sex crimes. Rape is often treated as adultery in Afghanistan, and victims can face prison themselves.

Hassina Sarwari, who runs a shelter for women in northern Kunduz province, where the rape took place, said Sunday that if the trial had not been transferred to Kabul the result would probably have been very different.

The rape took place in May in the girl's home village near the provincial capital, also called Kunduz.

"If the case would have not been transferred to Kabul, we were so worried that the mullah would have not been punished in Kunduz for his crime," said Sarwari. When she saw the girl, Bershna, who like many Afghans only uses one name, for the first time in the hospital she was in a bad condition and required transfer to Kabul for additional treatment.

Kunduz police spokesman Sayed Sarwar Hussaini said his colleagues were shocked at first to hear the story but acted immediately to apprehend the mullah. "We sent a police unit to make the arrest, and we caught mullah Mohammad Amin while he was trying to flee," he said.

Sarwari, who followed the case closely, said the crime occurred after the mullah chose three girls to help clean the village mosque. Two escaped when they discovered his intentions but Bershna fell into a law," Rasoul said.

nearby stream while trying to flee and Amin took her back to the mosque where he raped her.

"The mullah threatened Bershna, saying that if she told anyone what had happened she and her family would be killed," but the child suffered injuries that could not be hidden.

Mohammad Rasoul, Bershna's uncle who attended the trial, said the family was happy with the sentence.

"We welcome the decision by the judge as that is the maximum punishment he could be given according to our country's

## Indonesia's new president unveils his Cabinet

Indonesia's new president unveiled his Cabinet on Sunday, a compromise lineup featuring technocrats in key finance roles who will need to push painful reforms to fix the country's slowing economy, but also including politicians who supported his spectacular rise to power.

Joko "Jokowi" Widodo, a 53-year-old former furniture salesman who was sworn in as president last week amid high hopes of progressive leadership in the world's fourth-largest country, had promised to promote professionals to top posts rather than party officials, who

for corruption and laziness.

Jokowi took the unprecedented step of asking the country's anti-corruption commission to vet Cabinet candidates, a process that reportedly involved several being rejected at the

Dubbing it the "Work Cabinet," Jokowi named former state-owned enterprises minister Sofyan Djalil coordinating minister of economics. Bambang Brodionegoro, a respected economics academic who has worked in government ministries before, was named finance minister.

Those appointments are

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)— in Indonesia have a reputation likely to be broadly welcomed is home to more Muslims than by investors, but ministers will need to quickly take steps to reassure the market they have the clout to cut politically sensitive fuel subsidies that are a drag on economic growth and speed up infrastructure projects in the country of 250 million people.

"It is not that impressive, but at least some ministers are what the market was hoping for," said Standard Chartered Bank economist Fauzi Ichsan, referring to Djalil and Brodjonegoro.

Jokowi named eight women to the lineup of 30 ministers and four coordinating ministers, of note in a country that any other in the world. Among them is Retno Lestari Marsudi-the current ambassador to the Netherlands—who was named foreign minister, the first woman to take the post in the country's history.

Puan Maharani, daughter of former President Megawati Sukarnoputri, was named coordinating minister of human development and culture. Megawati was widely regarded as an ineffectual leader with a reputation for corruption, and many of Jokowi's supporters had urged him to resist pressure to put any of her associates or family members in his Cabinet.

## World

## Syria activists say Kobani death toll passes 800

MURSITPINAR, (AP)—A Syrian activist group said Sunday that the death toll in 40 days of fighting in and around the northern Syrian border town of Kobani has reached 815, as Kurdish fighters battled Muslim militants for a hill west

of the town

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the death toll includes 21 Kurdish civilians and 302 fighters with the main Kurdish force known as the Peoples Protection Units, or YPG. It said 481 fighters with the Islamic State group have been killed since the battles began.

IS fighters launched a wide offensive on Kobani in mid-September capturing dozens of Kurdish villages and entering parts of the town. The attack has displaced more than 200,000 people who crossed for safety in Turkey.

On Saturday, IS launched an attack on a Kurdish-held neighborhood in Kobani without succeeding in advancing, the Observatory said. It added that seven IS fighters were killed as well as several YPG fighters.

An Associated Press reporter on the Turkish side of the border said occasional mortar fire could be heard in the center and west of the town as well as occasional gunfire. At least one



Smoke rises above the Syrian town of Kobani after an airstrike by the US led coalition, seen from a hilltop on the outskirts of Suruc, Turkey, near the Turkey-Syria border, Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014.

airstrike was carried out by the U.S.-led coalition.

The U.S. Central Command said in a statement that five airstrikes near Kobani destroyed seven IS vehicles and an IS building. It said the five airstrikes were conducted on Saturday and Sunday.

Last week, the U.S. Central Command said that its forces conducted more than 135 airstrikes against the militants in and around Kobani, killing hundreds of IS fighters.

Idriss Nassan, a Kurdish offi-

cial from Kobani, said the fighting concentrated Sunday on the Izaa hill west, of the town. That area is close to the strategic Tel Shair hill, which overlooks parts of the town. Kurdish fighters recently regained control of the Tel Shair hill.

"The units (YPG) are advancing slowly on the eastern and southern fronts," Nassan said. "The situation is relatively calm compared with yesterday.'

The Observatory said YPG fighters attacked two IS vehicles west of Kobani Sunday inflicting casualties among jihadis.

Also Sunday, state news agency SANA reported that rebels in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo fired two mortar shells, killing an adult and a child and wounding several others when they hit a school.

The Observatory said one of the shells hit the Hoda Shaarawi school, while the second fell in front of it.

Aleppo, once Syria's commercial capital, has seen heavy fighting since rebels seized part of the city in 2012.

In the central province of Homs, a government air raid on the town of Talbiseh late Saturday killed 18 people, including 10 children and three women, the Observatory said. It added that 16 of the dead were from the same family.

Talbiseh was one of the first towns to rise up against President Bashar Assad's government after the uprising that later turned into a civil war began in March 2011. The war has killed more than 190,000 people, according to the U.N.

## Mali rushes to track Ebola after toddler dies

KAYES, Mali (AP)—After 2-year-old Fanta Kone's father died in southern Guinea, the toddler's grandmother took her from the forested hills where the Ebola outbreak first began months ago to bring her home to Mali. It wasn't long, though, before the little girl started getting nosebleeds.

By the time the pair made their way back more than 600 miles (1,000 kilometers) to the heat-baked town of Kayes several days later, the toddler had a high fever and was vomiting blood. Doctors swiftly diagnosed Fanta with Ebola, but she soon succumbed to the virus already blamed for killing nearly 5,000 people in the region. Her grandmother, quarantined with a couple dozen others, could only watch from a distance in an isolation tent over the weekend as health workers in hazmat suits prepared the tiny corpse for burial.

There has been panic and fear in this town of 128,000 since news first spread of the girl's death, which was the country's first confirmed Ebola case about 10 months after the epidemic began in neighboring Guinea.

"We are in a panic-everyone is talking about Ebola,"

said Bruno Sodatonou, a 35-year-old restaurant worker in the town of 128,000. "We don't know how to protect ourselves. Some are now wearing gloves, while others are trying to avoid handshakes with people."

Mali-which shares a porous land border with Guinea—has long been seen as vulnerable to Ebola because of the large number of people moving back and forth between the two countries. Fanta's case has especially alarmed health authorities because she is believed to have been in a contagious state of Fhola as she traveled

"The child's symptomatic state during the bus journey is especially concerning, as it presented multiple opportunities for exposures—including high-risk exposures—involving many people," the World Health Organization said in announcing the Malian case.

Dr. Koumare Toumani, director-general of the Kayes hospital, said the little girl and her grandmother though were quickly isolated upon arrival. A dozen of Fanta's family members are now being observed along with 11 health care workers, he said.

"It's true in the initial hours after the announcement of the Ebola case confirmation people were afraid, including health care workers," he said. "But calm has returned after religious and administrative officials carried out public awareness efforts."

Health authorities now though can only imagine how many people little Fanta may have come into contact along the way. Ebola is spread through direct contact with the bodily fluids of people showing symptoms of the disease, such as Fanta's bloody nose or potentially her soiled clothing.

Public transport buses in Guinea and Mali are often overcrowded, with children sitting on laps and passengers standing in the aisles.

Already they are making a list of the towns that Fanta and her grandmother passed through: Keweni, Kankan, Sigouri, Kouremale and the capital of Bamako. Health officials there are rushing to finish an isolation facility that can be used should additional cases emerge.

"Continued high-level vigilance is essential, as the government is fully aware," WHO said.

Pro-Western parties seen leading Ukraine vote KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—Ukrainians overwhelmingly backed

several pro-Western parties in a landmark parliamentary election Sunday, another nudge in the former Soviet republic's drift away from Russia.

Two exit polls released as voting closed indicated that President Petro Poroshenko's party will secure a narrow win in the parliamentary election, falling substantially short of an outright majority. Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk's Popular Front followed close behind.

Although they lead rival parties, Poroshenko and Yatsenyuk share pro-Western sentiments and have campaigned on reform agendas aimed at pulling Ukraine back from the brink of economic ruin. The

parties are expected to join forces with other reform-oriented groups to form a broad pro-European coalition.

Talking to supporters at his party headquarters, a visibly ebullient Poroshenko said coalition talks will start Monday and will last no longer than 10 days.

Almost three million people were unable to vote in eastern regions still gripped with unrest as government troops continue to wage almost daily battle against pro-Russian separatists.

The vote on Sunday will substantially overhaul a legislature once dominated by loyalists of ousted former president Viktor

"We are seeing a triumph of pro-European forces and a collapse among pro-Russian par-

ties," said Mikhailo Mischenko, an analyst with the Razumkov Center think tank. "Ukrainian people see their future in Europe, and this is something that all Ukrainians politicians will have to account for."

The Rating Group Ukraine exit poll said the Poroshenko Bloc won 22.2 percent of the votes and that the Popular Front came in second with 21.8 percent. Another exit poll, organized by three Ukrainian research groups, saw the Poroshenko Bloc with 23 percent of the vote and Popular Front at 21.3 percent. A recently formed pro-European party based in western Ukraine, Samopomich, was third in the poll with around 14 percent of the vote.

## Gunman in Canada attack prepared video of himself

TORONTO (AP)—A gunman who shot and killed a soldier at Canada's national war memorial and then stormed Parliament before he was gunned down had prepared a video recording of himself that police say shows he was driven by ideological and political motives, police said Sunday.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner Bob Paulson said in a statement they have "persuasive evidence that Michael Zehaf-Bibeau's attack was driven by ideological and political motives."

video was being conducted and Paulson said they cannot release the video at this time.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has called Wednesday's shooting a terror attack, and the bloodshed raised fears that Canada is suffering reprisals for joining the U.S.-led air campaign against Islamic State extremists in Iraq and Syria.

Police are investigating Zehaf-Bibeau's interactions with numerous individuals in the days leading up to the attack and whether they could have

A detailed analysis of the contributed or facilitated it.

Paulson said a knife carried by Zehaf-Bibeau was taken from his aunt's property in Mont Tremblant, Quebec, and they're looking into how he got the rifle. Paulson called it an old, uncommon gun that police suspect he could have also hidden on the property.

Paulson said investigators also identified where he got his money for the car he bought and his preattack activities. He said Zehaf-Bibeau has been employed in the oil fields in Alberta, saved his money and had access to a considerable amount of funds.

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## Focus

## Families of missing Mexican students still waiting

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN

TIXTLA, Mexico (AP)— Night is the most difficult time at the rural teachers college, where families have stayed on thin, bare mattresses in classrooms since 43 students went missing a month ago. The day's distractions of meals, meetings and marches end, and the parents are left with their thoughts, questions and a simmering rage.

Sleep has eluded Clemente Rodriguez Moreno, 46, since his 19-year-old son Christian disappeared with his classmates. Each night Rodriguez returns to his home close to the Raul Isidro Burgos school in Tixtla and his mind races.

"What will come of them? We don't know if he's eating, if he's injured, if they're hitting him."

The families' lives have been upended since police in the town of Iguala, allegedly on the mayor's orders, attacked the students to stop them from interrupting a speech by the mayor's wife on Sept. 26. Both the mayor and his wife are fugitives, along with the police chief.

Three students, including one later found with the skin peeled off his face, and three people unrelated to the attack, died in a series of initial attacks. Investigators say the rest of the students were driven off to a police station, later turned over to the drug gang Guerreros Unidos and have not been heard from since.

Everything since has been a nightmare, said a 57-year-old farmer from Ayutla who spoke on condition of anonymity as a precaution against reprisals. He walks his 19-year-old son's campus in the Ayotzinapa neighborhood in a daze.

"I don't sleep for the thinking," he said, fingering a foil packet of sleeping pills prescribed by a doctor who came by to help. "I don't feel like I'm living life."

His family has few resources, he said, and his son came to the school because the students support themselves. That's what he said they were doing that afternoon in Iguala, soliciting donations.

Staring at the photograph of his son after a march to demand the return of the missing, the farmer spoke one moment of the anguish of not knowing. His eyes welled with tears and he bit his lower lip. Next flashed an anger that has been building over weeks. He said he's tired of a corrupt government that has always scorned poor farmers. He wants the guilty to pay.

"If they don't give them to us, we'll have to proceed another way, with more resistance," he said.

There was so much confusion in those early days, said Valentin Cornelio Gonzalez,

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RECOMPENSA

A quien proporcione información útil, veraz y expresa que lleve a la localización y/o presentación de alguno de nuestros jóvenes desaparecidos en la Ciudad de Iguala, Guerrero el pasado 26 de septiembre.



a 30-year old farmer from the municipality of Tecoanapa who dropped everything to travel to the school, where his brotherin-law, 19-year-old Abel Garcia

Hernandez, is enrolled. Was the attack at the school or in Iguala? Were the attackers police or cartel gunmen? How many students were missing?

Some gaps have since been filled, but the gaping one, the one families care most about, remains a void, despite the arrest and interrogation of more

than 50 suspects. So Gonzalez, clad in well-worn leather sandals, has been marching—in the state capital of Chilpancingo, in Acapulco, in Mexico City—de-

man places a missing persons' poster offering 1,000,000.00 Mexican pesos or about 74,000.00 U.S. dollars, leading to information on 43 college students who went missing, in Chilpancingo, Mexico. manding an answer. When he

In this Oct. 16, 2014 photo, a

first arrived at the school he and other relatives spent a fruitless day searching around Iguala. They feared for their safety, but fault the government for not doing enough: "They're not looking for them like they should."

As other searchers turn up more and more gravesites in the mountains around Iguala, the families can only wait to hear if the DNA samples they gave weeks ago match or if the remains are the loved one of some other desperate family.

Mario Cesar Gonzalez, 49, the father of 21-year-old Cesar Manuel Gonzalez Hernandez, spends his days at the school pacing in cowboy boots. He's boiling too much inside to sit for a massage or take lessons in meditation techniques offered by others who want to help. He can't stand with the other parents before the makeshift altar in the middle of the school's basketball court to sing a hymn. One minute he's listening in a small circle of parents on the basketball court and the next he's walking away, his cell phone held tight to one ear and a cigarette between his fingers.

He's so proud of his son. Even after weeks without news of their whereabouts, Gonzalez and other parents unfailingly speak of their children in the present tense. Cesar wants to fight for the poor, he said.

Cesar told his mother he would help her so she could leave the department store job that exhausts her. The young man doesn't know that after a month of living at his school and waiting for his return, his mother has lost her job. So has his father, who worked at a body shop in Huamantla.

"That doesn't matter to me anymore," Gonzalez said.

Clemente Rodriguez left his chickens, geese and pigs, as well his work delivering water jugs, to spend four days last week in Mexico City collecting donations for the school, marching and telling his story over and over.

Sporting cowboy boots and an Angry Birds baseball cap, Rodriguez boasted that his son stands over six feet tall and loves to folk dance.

He's focusing more on immediate tasks rather than the increasingly likely scenario that no parent wants to consider.

"I don't despair," said Rodriguez, "because my heart is telling me the students are alive."

## Overdrive

# Ram Power Wagon fully fills off-road

**By TERRY BOX** THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Nobody crowded me in the big blue Power Wagon-a glaring, heavy-metal masher that looked as if it had just lumbered out of a swamp.

Gray camouflage graphics clung to the pickup's giant flanks like radioactive mud, while a huge hook from its Warn Winch hung ominously from a slot in the bumper.

A toothy grille larger than some garage doors gave the truck a hungry look—as if it might soon need a little snack of Sentra or Yaris.

Even parked, it dripped menace like sweat from a street fighter.

I thought the pumped-up, sky-high 2014 Ram Power Wagon might just be the perfect commuter vehicle.

Once you pull yourself into place in the lofty 7,100-pound beast—I recommend a running start combined with a small ramp—it quickly clears the fast lane on a scenic expressway.

As you may know, the Power Wagon is one of those



gigantic specialty pickups vaguely similar in some ways to Ford's highly successful F-150 Raptor desert-runner.

But how much of a market can there possibly be for a \$56,000 pickup built to crawl over rocks in the back coun-

NUTS & BOLTS

#### **2014 Ram Power Wagon Crew Cab**

- Type of vehicle: Full-size, four-wheel-drive, five-passenger pickup
- Price as tested: \$56,040
- Fuel economy: Not required to be disclosed
- Weight: About 7,100 pounds
- Engine: 6.4-liter Hemi V-8 with 410 horsepower and 429 pound-feet of torque
- Transmission: Six-speed automatic
- Performance: 0 to 60 mph in approximately 8 seconds

Sources: Ram division of the Chrysler Group; Car and Driver

try—a truck that won't fit in with Bluetooth. many garages, parking lots or budgets?

More than we might imagine, I suspect. Like it or not, we are a nation of pickup truck drivers, with the Ford F-series, Chevrolet Silverado and Ram occupying the No. 1, 2 and 5 rankings for sales last year.

(The Toyota Camry and Honda Accord were sandwiched, literally, in between, in the No. 3 and 4 spots.)

And with pickups also the industry's most profitable vehicles, every niche can be a mini gold mine.

Actually, the Power Wagon offers a bit more practicality than you might expect from something looming 6 feet 10 inches above earth.

Based on a Ram Heavy Duty four-wheel-drive pickup, the Power Wagon has a twoinch lift for even more ground clearance, Bilstein monotube shocks and knobby 285/70 tires on polished 17-inch wheels.

But the one I had recently also came with satellite radio, Chrysler's UConnect system and integrated voice command

Still, let's be honest here: Big Blue might not be all that comfortable at a prim-andproper dinner party.

### **DRIVING LARGE**

Occupying most of my 1955-vintage driveway, the four-door, crew-cab truck had all the gritty bulk of a steelmill locomotive.

Its upright big-rig grille seemed more Peterbilt than ever, bristling with angry chrome bars and pushing hard against fairly conventional headlamps.

Mirrors far bigger than Jay Leno's head hung from oversized front doors.

A raised hood added to the truck's dramatic bulk. I can't tell you much about the pickup bed because I never saw it. Height restrictions—my own—prohibited it.

### **HUGE INSIDE AND OUT**

The closest I could come to something challenging to climb was the guard shack at The Daily Planet, and that seemed a bit extreme. (Besides, I couldn't remember

The hook hanging from the 2014 Ram Power Wagon's bumper is connected to a Warn Winch that off-roaders can use to pull the truck out of mud and other haz-

whether the guards are armed these days.)

Nonetheless, I drove it like most people probably willusing it during the week as my primary transportation to work and other places where it

Like the Raptor, the Power Wagon doesn't make you pay heavily for driving around in a pickup bigger than some barns in Arkansas.

While its ride lacked some of the refinement in the Raptor, it stretched out reasonably well on smooth pavement, feeling just slightly fidgety.

On some of the moonscape streets around downtown Dallas, though, it could get bouncy and stiff.

Also, forget screeching around corners in a truck tall enough to use as a platform for cleaning second-story windows.

Let's just say the Power Wagon shuffles through curves like a typical pickupwith all-American confidence, not competence.

Still, the steering felt precise, moderately quick and delivering well-weighted, pretty good amounts of heft and feel.

I also thought the Power Wagon's gray interior fit its take-no-prisoners personality nicely.

A massively square gray dashboard maintained the exterior's design theme, wrapping over a black instrument panel and around a large center stack.

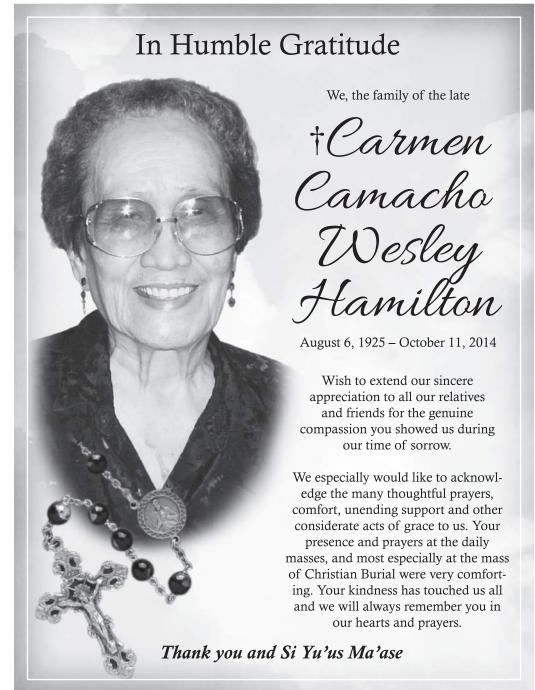
The seats were stitched in gray cloth with patterned centers that matched the plastic door panels and gray headliner.

As you might guess, legroom and headroom in the big-bodied pickup was immense, able to easily swallow a couple of NFL felons in back

Some folks might fault all the hard surfaces inside the high-dollar Power Wagon, but they felt to me as if they would be comfortable wearing mud and rock dust.

So where exactly does the brutal, bold Power Wagon fit in our increasingly timid universe? Wherever it wants, I guess.

Moreover, the Power Wagon's Big Bend persona gives the rapidly growing Ram brand another stout dash of credibility.



## Life & Style

## Q&A: Anna Kendrick on modeling, movies and music

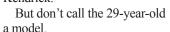
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Anna Kendrick is in the holiday spirit. "I want it to be Christmas

already! I just want to throw a soiree," the bubbly actress said during a recent interview.

Kendrick certainly looked the part, wearing a red, sleeveless

party dress with a big, silk bow on the back.

The outfit from Kate Spade New York's holiday collection is featured in the company's upcoming advertising starring campaign Kendrick.



Kendrick

"If I had for one moment considered it modeling, I probably would've had a freakout," she said. "Weirdly it felt a lot more like my day job than it did like modeling," she said, adding "eww!" with a grimace as she spit out the M-word.

In a recent interview, Kendrick discussed her foray into fashion, having a Cinderella moment in "Into the Woods" (due out at Christmas) and her next big adventure.

AP: What's it like being a spokesmodel?

**Kendrick:** Kate Spade has really embraced me being me, be a lot harder to not be. So you know I'm glad that they don't mind a little quirk and a little sass.

AP: Did you have a favorite look from the holiday campaign?

**Kendrick:** I think my favorite was this white swing

dress that shows off your shoulders and has this beautiful embellished collar. That was just really fun to be in and that was the first shot that we did that day. And just playing with my male

models for the day was so much fun, just sort of twirling around in this white dress.

AP: Where do you get your sense of style?

**Kendrick:** (My mom) was always a fan of just really elegant, sophisticated pieces. I mean we grew up in Maine, so we didn't have a lot of call for black tie or anything, but I think I definitely got that sensibility from her.

AP: You starting working with Kate Spade while playing Cinderella in Disney's "Into the Woods." What was it like balancing those worlds?

**Kendrick:** Well, these clothes are a lot more comfortable because (costume designer) Col-

which is great because it would leen Atwood is a genius, but she does not care if you can't breathe. ... The costumes in that movie are so exquisite and they're completely authentic. ... It's lots of layers and somebody had to help me get dressed every morning because you can't do up a corset yourself. So I felt like I was actually in 'Downton Abbey.

AP: You have three upcoming musicals: "Into the Woods," "The Last 5 Years" and "Pitch Perfect 2." Coming from a musical theater background, is this your dream come true?

Kendrick: I was so excited when it started to feel like people are going to make movie musicals again. So I mean it wasn't my master plan, but I'm really happy that that is a trend that is happening and I hope it stays.

AP: Your hit single "Cups" from the first "Pitch Perfect" film sold nearly 3 million tracks. Would you like to record an album?

Kendrick: Hell no. The music industry seems scary to me. I mean the film industry is crazy enough so the music industry to me seems like the wild, wild West. Like I would just never dare.



to Mt. Carmel Cathedral for responso, rosary and viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

followed by Interment Services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You.

From Rita, Children & Family

\*\*Paulina Babauta Cepeda (Paulinan Kindo Tona/Ninang)

Our Mother †Paulina Babauta Cepeda was Born to Life on June 22, 1927 and Born to Eternal Life by Our Merciful and Loving Father on October 21, 2014. She was a fervent servant of Our Mother church, Mt. Carmel Cathedral notably a member of Envia Tu Choir and Nanna Kilisyanu/Christian Mothers.

In her new life, she is reunited with our father and her husband, Joaquin Duenas Cepeda; her children, Maria and Ignacio; grandchildren Eric Michael Lizama, Lynricia Lena C. Lizama and Joseph C. Camacho; great grandchildren Catricia Jawn Cepeda, Luden Jaymz Castro Cepeda and Shawn Patrick F. Cepeda; reared son Felix A. Cepeda; her mother and father Maria Babauta & Ignacio G. Aldan; parents-in-law Feliz Torres & Antonia Duenas Cepeda. She is with her beautiful siblings: Petra H. & Antonio Borja; Jesus Hoashi; Leon Hoashi; Dolores & Ignacio Lizama; Vicente & Rita Hoashi; Adela & Hilario Cruz; Remedio & Jesus Guerrero; Theresa & Jose Ichihara; Mariana & Valerio Cabrera;.

Today, our Mom's pleasant personality and loving memories will be in us, her children and our families: Felix & Linda V. [children/grand/great and great-great grandchildren]; Anthony; Juan & Patricia V. [children/grand/great and great-great grandchildren]; Elizabeth & George Sutherland [children]; Tomas [children and grandchildren]; Maria and Carlos Camacho[children]; Ramon [children/grandchildren]; Jose & Cora [children/grandchildren]; Luisa & Juan Q. Camacho [children]; Ramona & Fritz Lizama [children/grandchildren]; children of †Ignacio and †Felix A. & Doris Cepeda [children].

Caregivers: Nora and Melei

She is greatly missed by her sisters-in-law Balbina DLG. Hoashi (children) and Trinidad Onedera; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces.

In celebration of our Mother †Paulina's new life, we are offering daily mass intention at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00am. Relatives and friends are respectively invited to attend our Mother's Funeral Services on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 also at Mt. Carmel Cathedral - Responso and Rosary at 8:00 a.m., Christian Burial Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by Internment Service at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Maase and Thank You May God bless us all.



# Shakira to release baby toys with Fisher-Price

EW YORK (AP)— Shakira is partnering with Fisher-Price to launch a line of baby toys as well as a Web series for moms.

The Mattel, Inc.owned company announced Friday that the First Steps collection of toys and baby gear would be available in November. Shakira co-developed six products, including a bouncer that plays music, alphabet blocks and a musical soccer ball, an ode to her soccer-playing boyfriend Gerard Pique, who plays for FC Barcelona.

All of the proceeds will ben-

## Nominees for Grammy Awards to be announced Dec. 5

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The Recording Academy will announce the nominees for the 2015 Grammy Awards the morning of Dec. 5, except for one category: the coveted album of the year.

The nominees for the top prize will come later that day when the academy debuts the new TV special, "A Very GRAMMY Christmas," to air on CBS at 9 p.m. EST. It will feature performances from Pharrell and Ariana Grande.

The Grammys first launched a televised concert announcing its main nominees in 2008. Recording Academy CEO Neil Portnow said in an interview Thursday it was time to switch it up.

"We're freshening up, changing this up a little bit and the kickoff for Grammy season will still be getting our nominations out that day, albeit a little differently," Portnow said.

The one-hour Christmas special will be hosted by LL Cool J and also will include Maroon 5, Tim McGraw and some others to be announced at a later date, show producer Ken Ehrlich said Thursday. It will tape Nov. 18 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

The nominees for album of the year will be announced toward the end of the program, Ehrlich said.

Grande, Pharrell and the others will perform their own hits and holiday songs, as well as discuss their favorite holiday moments and Grammy moments. All of the performers are Grammy winners except for Grande, who marked a breakthrough this year with a string of hits, including "Problem."

"If you ask any musical artist what their best Christmas gift would be, maybe eight out of 10 of them would say a Grammy nomination," Ehrlich said.

The 57th annual Grammy Awards will air live Feb. 8 from the Staples Center in Los Angeles. It will include 83 categories.

efit her Barefoot Foundation, which provides education and nutrition to children in impov-

erished areas of her native Colombia. Pre-order on Amazon for the products begins Monday.



In this Oct. 18, 2014 file photo Colombian singer Shakira, left, holds her son Milan prior to the Spanish La Liga soccer match between FC Barcelona and Eibar at the Camp Nou stadium against Eibar in Barce-

## Steinbeck heirs fight over control of movie rights

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Author John Steinbeck's heirs say a literary agency is wrongly cutting them out of negotiations over movie deals for the late Nobel Prize-winning author's books.

Steinbeck's surviving son, Thomas Steinbeck, and the wife of another son, Nancy Steinbeck, filed a petition Oct. 10 with the California Labor Commission claiming the RSWG Literary Agency and agent Geoffrey Sanford were negotiating Hollywood deals without consulting them.

They also allege that the agency isn't licensed in California to negotiate deals and that none of its agents are lawyers with active licenses. The petition alleges that only a licensed agency or an active lawyer can license Steinbeck's works to others.

The petition says that Thomas Steinbeck first became aware through news media that that his father's books "East of Eden" and "The Grapes of Wrath" were being considered for new movie treatment. The petition says that Thomas Steinbeck "either owns or controls" 66.6 percent of domestic rights to his father's works.

It's the latest chapter in a 14year legal tussle over control of Steinbeck's works.

The agency's lawyer told the Monterey Herald (http://tinyurl. com/njrgqkn ) that Thomas Steinbeck and Nancy Steinbeck gave up control over Steinbeck's works as part of a 1983 legal settlement. The lawyer also said the agency is licensed to practice in California. The lawyer further said that the family of Steinbeck's third wife controls the works.

The fight began after the author's death in 1968. Steinbeck left control of his work to his third wife Elaine Steinbeck even though copyright law at time stated rights went to his children, his two sons from a previous marriage.

The parties agreed to a settlement in 1983 that left control with Elaine Steinbeck and gave the children a cut of any proceeds. The fight flared anew when Elaine died in 2003 and left control of the works to her children from a previous marriage. Two federal courts upheld those terms.

president of the Fisher-Price Global Brands Team, said in an interview Thursday that Shakira contacted the company about collaborating. The Grammywinning singer, who is pregnant and is the mother of 21-monthold Milan, is the first celebrity Fisher-Price has partnered with.

"She brings in both authenticity and emotion, and I think that's why this is such an exciting moment," Walker said.

With her foundation, one of Shakira's main initiatives

Geoff Walker, executive vice has been early childhood development, which attracted Fisher-Price to the global star, Walker said.

> "I saw how important developmental milestones are and how toys can help babies reach them—including with my own son," Shakira said in a statement. "I wanted to design a line of toys that stimulated development in the crucial early stages of life, the stages in which learning can be achieved through supervised play, fostering the development of psychological,

social and motor skills."

The 12-part Web series debuts Monday and targets millennials. Some of the minute-long episodes will feature her son.

Shakira is one of the most popular celebrities on social media. She is the first person to reach 100 million likes on Facebook.

Walker said as a result of the collaboration, Fisher-Price would be open to more celebrity partnerships.

"It's about finding an authentic mom that is relevant to the millennial crowd," he said.

## Spirits move 'Ouija' to No. 1 at the box office

NEW YORK (AP)—The spirits moved "Ouija" to No. 1 at the box office, with the boardgame adaption leading the weekend with a \$20 million debut, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The horror movie release, timed to Halloween, attracted more moviegoers at the North America box office than the violent Keanu Reeves thriller "John Wick." The R-rated hitman revenge tale from Lionsgate opened with \$14.2 million in second place.

Last week's top film, the Brad Pitt World War II action film "Fury," slid to third with \$13 million. In two weeks, the Sony Pictures release has made \$46.1 million.

Board-game adaptions such as "Ouija" have had a checkered history at the box office, with the big-budget "Battleship" the last Hasbro game turned into a movie-famously flopping in 2012. But "Ouija," made by Blumhouse Productions and released by Universal Pictures, was made for just \$5 million, and scared up moviegoers with a micro-budget summoning of brand-name occult.

Universal also could claim the top spot in the world's other top market, China, where the Scarlett Johansson sci-fi film "Lucy" opened with \$19 million. Since opening in July,

- "Ouija," \$20 million (\$1.3 million international)
- **"John Wick,"** \$14.2 mil-
- **"Fury,"** \$13 million (\$11.2 million international). "Gone Girl," \$11.1 mil-
- lion (\$18.4 million international). "The Book of Life," \$9.8 million (\$7.8 million inter-
- national). "St. Vincent," \$8.1 million.
- "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," \$7 million (\$2.5 million international).
- "The Best of Me," \$4.7 million.
- "The Judge," \$4.3 million (\$6.9 million interna-
- **10. "Dracula Untold,"** \$4.3 million (\$14.7 million international).

"Lucy" has made \$434 million worldwide, proving the global appeal of Johansson.

Two Fox releases rounded out the domestic top five. David Fincher's marital noir "Gone Girl," starring Ben Affleck, made \$11.1 million in its fourth week, bringing its cumulative total to \$124 million. It will soon pass Fincher's "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" (\$127.5 million) to mark the director's top box office hit.

In its second week of release, the animated fantasy "The Book of Life" earned \$9.8 million.

As Hollywood's awards season begins to heat up, limitedrelease titles also made noise at the box office. Easily leading all films in per-screen average were Alejandro Inarritu's black comedy "Birdman (or The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)," starring Michael Keaton, and the Edward Snowden documentary "Citizenfour."

Laura Poitras' "Citizenfour" drew a \$25,000 average opening in five theaters for the Weinstein Co.'s Radius unit. Expanding to 50 theaters in its second week, Fox Searchlight's "Birdman" took in an average of almost \$29,000 per screen.

Next weekend's top film is essentially already decided. Christopher Nolan's space travel thriller "Interstellar," one of the year's most anticipated releases, opens in select theaters Wednesday and then wide on Friday. Nolan, an ardent advocate for film, is releasing the movie first in about 240 theaters that still project 35mm or 70mm, rather than digital.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.



This photo provided by Universal Pictures shows, from left, Douglas Smith, as Pete, Olivia Cooke, as Laine, and Ana Coto, as Sarah, in "Ouija."

## Famed architect Frank Gehry shocks with obscene gesture

MADRID (AP)—Architect Frank Gehry traveled to Spain to receive a prestigious award but shocked his hosts by responding to a reporter's question with an obscene gesture making contemptuous comments about most modern architecture

The American-Canadian was in the northern city of Oviedo to accept one of Spain's Prince of Asturias prizes Friday.

Local media reported that on the eve of the ceremony, Gehry

reacted with a rude gesture at a news conference when asked if his work was based on spec-

Gehry said 98 percent of buildings today lack sensitivity and respect for humanity, according to El Pais.

He has created the Guggenheim Museum in Spain, the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, and the Louis Vuitton Foundation in Paris, an arts center sponsored by the LVMH Fashion Group.

## Britney Spears to get Vegas key,'Britney Day'

Entertainment says pop star Britney Spears will get a key to the Las Vegas Strip and celebrate with her own dedicated day.

The Las Vegas-based casino giant announced Thursday that it would host "Britney Day" at The LINQ Promenade starting at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 5.

Caesars says that starting at 8 a.m., the first 100 people who prove that they, too, are named Britney will get two tickets to

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Caesars Spears' "Piece of Me" show at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino and a ride aboard the High Roller observation wheel.

> The announcement follows reports that Caesars is talking with pop icon Jennifer Lopez to also perform at Planet Hollywood.

> A Caesars spokeswoman says it hasn't made any offer

Clark County has handed out 10 "keys" to the Strip so far.

## Queen sends her first tweet, signed 'Elizabeth R'



LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II has sent her first tweet—though she kept things traditional, signing off with "Elizabeth R."

The 88-year-old monarch tried her hand at Twitter as she opened a new gallery Friday in central London's Science Museum, taking off a glove to press a tablet screen as 600 guests looked on. The message, "I hope people will enjoy visiting" the exhibition, was sent instantly through the official British monarchy account on the social media website.

"Elizabeth R" is how the queen signs official documents. The "R" stands for "regina," the Latin for queen.

Officials said the message came "personally" from the queen herself, although some eyebrows were raised about whether that was the case.

The message appeared to be typed ahead of time, and bizarrely appears to have been sent using the Twitter for iPhone app, even though video showed the queen was using an iPad or a similar tablet device. Officials wouldn't say if the queen personally wrote the message or comment on the electronic discrepancy.

"We're not going to go into the details," a Buckingham Palace spokesman said.

The queen does not have a personal Twitter account. Most members of the royal family do

not tweet personally—they are represented by official accounts managed by spokespeople.

There are exceptions: Prince Andrew—the queen's second son—and his daughter Princess Beatrice both tweet in a personal capacity.

The Science Museum gallery, called "Information Age," explores the technological breakthroughs that have changed communication.

In 1976, the queen was the first monarch to send an email, doing so when the technology was in its infancy.

## Actor, Ohio native Ed O'Neill aids Traficant movie

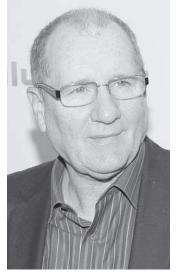
YOUNGSTOWN. Ohio (AP)-Ed O'Neill is supporting an effort to raise funds to complete a documentary about a colorful congressman in his native northeast Ohio.

Filmmaker Eric Murphy says he has a crowdfunding campaign to raise \$17,500 to finish production and add a new ending to "Traficant: Congressman of Crimetown." Former Congressman James A. Traficant Jr. died last month at age 73 following a tractor accident on his family's farm near Youngstown.

O'Neill was interviewed for the documentary and added a narrative voice. Backers who pledge at least \$2,500 get lunch with O'Neill, the veteran actor who currently stars in the TV comedy series "Modern Family." The Plain Dealer of Cleveland reports they also will get co-producer credit.

O'Neill has signed books, artwork and other items for \$1,000

In this March 12, 2012 file photo, actor Ed O'Neill, a cast member in the television series "Modern Family," poses before the Paley-Fest panel discussion on the show, in Beverly Hills, Calif.



## Chan wants to be better father after son's arrest

**BEIJING** (AP)—Jackie Chan has pledged to become a better father after his son Jaycee was arrested on drug charges.

The film star said in his first comments in person after the arrest: "I am always a father. I used to be an unqualified father. Now, after this event, I want to be a qualified father."

Jaycee Chan was detained in August and was formally arrested the following month on suspicion of allowing other people to consume drugs, a charge that carries a maximum sentence of three years' imprisonment.

Chan apologized in a statement soon after his son's arrest and pledged to work with him on his recovery.

He spoke to reporters Thursday while promoting his latest movie, "Skiptrace," in which he plays a Hong Kong detective.

## Bad news dampens delight over best friend's generosity

EAR ABBY: My husband's best friend gave us a very generous gift for our toddler. However, it arrived with the news that the baby he and his girlfriend are expecting may have serious complications, which could result in termination of the pregnancy. Abby, I am also expecting.

I know I should send them a thank-you note, but I don't want to sound overly cheerful when someone is obviously suffering. Is there a way to appropriately express our thanks in writing while still being sensitive? I want to show my concern without overstepping my boundaries.

LOST FOR WORDS

DEAR LOST: My advice is to stay on message. Thank the man for his generous gift and say how much it is appreciated. If you wish to express concern for the difficult time they are going through, do so without going into detail. It's sufficient to say that he and his girlfriend are in your thoughts and prayers. Make no reference to your own pregnancy because in this communication it's not relevant.

**DEAR ABBY:** I work with the public and make small talk all day long. At the end of a busy day, I like to go to a neighborhood restaurant by myself for a quiet dinner. My problem is the owner, "Giovanni." He's a very nice man, and he'll sit down at my table to chat, often for the entire meal. To complicate matters, he speaks limited English and conversation with him is a chore.

I can't think of a polite way to ask that I be left alone without hurting his feelings and making future visits awkward. Any suggestions?

HUNGRY AND TIRED IN THE EAST

DEAR H AND T: A polite way to do it would be to say, "Giovanni, I like you very much. But I have had a hard day. All I want to do is sit down, eat my food and stare into space. Please understand." Unless he is very new to the hospitality business, he should regard that as his cue to back off.

**DEAR ABBY:** I live with my parents and when my mom does laundry, she always asks me if I want to throw any of my clothes in with hers and vice versa. The problem is, when the cycle is finished, she throws everything into the dryer—even items that will shrink or wrinkle. I've asked her not to do it, but she persists.

Now, I know what you're going to say: "Do your own laundry." I have tried. But if Mom hears the wash finish before I do, she goes out and chucks everything into the dryer. Last week she shrank half my socks.

I can't think of a solution aside from doing my laundry when she is out of the house, which would be difficult because she's

## **DEAR ABBY**

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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retired. I'm starting to get frustrated. Any ideas? FRUSTRATED IN COLUMBUS

DEAR FRUSTRATED: If your mother is also forgetting other things, it's possible she may be in the early stages of dementia. However, if that's not the case, then your solution is practical—or consider taking your things to a laundromat. It would be less expensive than constantly having to buy new

Good advice for everyone-teens to seniors-is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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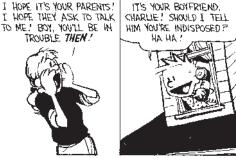
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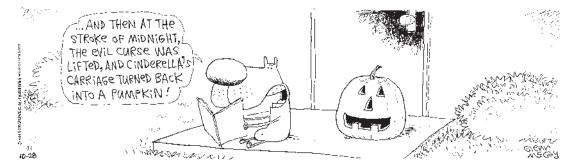
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Yesterday's answer 10-28

For answers to today's crossword, call. 1-900-226-5955! 99¢ per minute, touch **STUMPED?** tone/rotary phones. (18- only.) A KingCELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Joaquin Phoenix, 40; Brad Paisley, 42; Julia Roberts, 47; Bruce Jenner, 65.

Happy Birthday: Gather knowledge and information and you will gain insight into how to proceed with work-related matters that can influence your position and your reputation. Express what you have to offer with visual presentations, not by making verbal promises that may or may not resonate with the people you are trying to impress. A picture is worth a thousand words. Your numbers are 5, 11, 17, 20, 29, 32, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let an emotional matter lead to a temper tantrum. You'll have regrets if you say or do something out of character. Focus on being fun to be with, and do your best to keep the peace and make personal improvements.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put your plans into motion. Take care of emotional issues that need to be addressed. Put your heart on the line and show how much you care, but don't go over budget. You cannot buy love. Invest conservatively.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Watch every move that others make, especially if it has to do with money or legal matters. Protect your possessions. Someone from your past will want to reconnect. Make sure whoever you are with contributes as much as you do. QQQ

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take the initiative and get things accomplished. You will feel good when the work is done, and you'll avoid complaints from demand-

ing people. Romance is on the rise and could also lead to an unexpected decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take pride in what you do even if someone gives you a hard time. If you are fun to be with, you will attract like-minded people who are eager to try something new. Don't let anyone use emotional blackmail to make you feel guilty. 00000

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An emotional matter will develop at home if you don't keep busy and take care of your chores. Get what needs to be done out of the way and make plans to get out and do the things that bring you joy. 👀

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Change your mind or direction if it makes sense to do so. Don't worry too much about what others think you should do. Follow your heart and move forward discreetly to avoid interference. Embrace the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money is heading your way. Putting what you have to good use and showing moderation in the way you move forward will ensure that you gain greater stability and less stress. Creativity is on the rise along with love and romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make changes at home that will help you be more productive. Asking questions and learning as you go will prove valuable. Don't hesitate or let mistakes deter you from reaching for the stars. Believe, take action and you will achieve. OOO

**EUGENIA** THE LAST WORD



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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful whom you trust. Keep your personal secrets locked away. Offer handson help instead of making a donation. Don't disagree or argue, just do what feels right and don't look back. Let your intuition guide you. 😂 😂

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make financial decisions and invest in something you feel will help raise your income. What you learn will come from experience, not sitting in a classroom. Uncertainty will make you question a partnership. Be a leader, not a follower.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be creative with your investments and look for alternative ways to boost your health and emotional wellness. Love is on the rise, and making plans that will stabilize an important relationship will bring you happiness and security.

Birthday Baby: You are unique, entertaining and self-reliant. You are dedicated and daring.

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By Dave Green

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## Bumgarner's 4-hitter moves Giants closer to Series win

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—

With every pitch, Madison Bumgarner etched

his place among the World Series greats.

The long, tall lefty kept slinging away and put the San Francisco Giants just one win from yet another championship, throwing a four-hitter to beat the Kansas City Royals 5-0 Sunday night for a 3-2 Series edge.

Hardly menacing on the mound, Bumgarner was simply untouchable - again. As "MVP! MVP!" chants broke out from each packed corner of AT&T Park, Bumgarner finished off the first World Series shutout in 11 years.

'You know what? For some reason, I keep getting really lucky this time of year, so I'll take it," Bumgarner said.

It must be more than luck.

Because by the time the 25-year-old from Hickory. North Carolina, outdid his own winning performance in Game 1, he had evoked memories of Bob Gibson, Sandy Koufax, Curt Schilling and the top October aces of all-time.

"Very humbling," Bumgarner said.

He certainly joined those names, and maybe even exceeded them.

Who else has gone 4-0 in four World Series starts with an 0.29 ERA? Throw in only 12 hits in 31 innings, along with 27 strikeouts, and that math makes him the very definition of Big Game

"He's special, isn't he?" man-



quiet moment in his office eating dinner. "What a stud."

Giants Hall of Fame pitcher Juan Marichal mingled in the clubhouse, too, waiting his turn to congratulate the guy with the curly, stringy hair.

"He's so smooth. I say that he's cold-blooded. When he's on the mound, he dominates everybody. Everybody," Marichal said.

On this evening, Bumgarner fanned eight without a walk and never was in trouble as he constantly changed speeds, with no runners reaching third base. There hadn't been a shutout in

ager Bruce Bochy said during a the Series since Josh Beckett's clinching gem for the Florida Marlins in 2003 at Yankee Sta-

> The Giants' work isn't done. To add to the crowns Bumgarner helped them take in 2010 and 2012, they'll need to win in Kansas City.

> "We're looking forward to getting back to our home crowd, where it's going to be absolutely wild and crazy," Royals manager Ned Yost said.

> Jake Peavy gets the first chance to seal it for San Francisco when he starts Game 6 at Kauffman Stadium on Tuesday night against

rookie Yordano Ventura.

If the Giants don't win then, there is always this possibility: Bumgarner said he's ready to come out of the bullpen in Game 7.

Hunter Pence once again was in the middle of things for Giants. He singled off James Shields in the second and scored on a groundout by Brandon Crawford, who had three RBIs.

Later, the enigmatic Pence accidentally threw his bat past the mound while striking out, and appeared to apologize to Shields. Pence added another hit in a three-run eighth, making him 9 for 19 in the five games.

Postseason star Pablo Sandoval also singled twice. Juan Perez broke it open with a tworun double off the top of the center-field fence in the eighth against Wade Davis and scored on a single by Crawford.

Since trailing 4-1 in Game 4, the Giants have responded with 15 straight runs. San Francisco won that game, putting aside concern that Bumgarner should've been moved up to pitch on short rest.

Bumgarner won for the fourth time against one loss in this postseason, and this blanking he threw at Pittsburgh in the NL wild-card game. Durable, he's thrown 47 2-3 innings this October, trailing just Schilling's 48 1-3 in 2001 for the most in a single postseason, with a 1.13 ERA. As Bumgarner wrapped

bookended the four-hit shutout

up the win, his name echoed around the ballpark.

"That was pretty cool, actually. It was really neat to hear,"

Toward the late innings, it appeared that only a lightning strike could rescue the Royals, perhaps a home run out of nowhere. Not happening—this was the third straight game without either team hitting a homer, the longest streak in the World Series since 1948 when the Boston Braves and Cleveland began with a three-game drought, STATS said.

Exactly why the man nicknamed MadBum is so dominant isn't easily apparent. Royals cleanup hitter Eric Hosmer said before the game that Bumgarner's "cross-body" delivery is tough to pick up

The 6-foot-5 Bumgarner definitely has an impressive whip, along with an imposing WHIP in the World Series. His walksplus-hits ratio per inning is incredible.

About the only thing Bumgarner didn't do well was get a hit. He takes pride in his plate prowess and launched four home runs this season, including two grand slams. Bumgarner went 0 for 4, leaving him hitless in 22 postseason at-bats.

Yep, he's still got some work

### SIDEBAR

## Shields' solid start can't save Royals in Game 5

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— James Shields became "Tough Luck James" in Game 5 of the World Series.

Shields bounced back from a shaky start in the Series opener with his best outing of the postseason only to be done in by Madison Bumgarner's brilliance and a few soft hits in Kansas City's 5-0 loss to the San Francisco Giants on Sunday night.

"I was pounding the strike zone, I had better angle on my ball and I was getting swings and misses today," Shields said. "Unfortunately we ran into a really good pitcher today."

Shields allowed two runs in

six innings to take his second loss of the Series and send the Royals back home trailing 3-2. This is the same hole they faced their last trip to the Series in 1985, when they recovered to win the final two games over St. Louis for their only championship in franchise history.

To get a repeat of that comeback, the Royals will need to be better than they were the final two games in San Francisco, when they got outscored 15-0 after taking an early 4-1 lead in Game 4 that had them on the verge of taking control of the Series.

"We know we can do it,"

first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "We're a confident group. But we can't do anything without winning Game 6. We're excited to get back home where we feed off the fans and that energy."

But a bullpen meltdown on Saturday night and a lineup that was unable to solve Bumgarner in Game 5 has left the Royals on the brink of elimination despite the solid effort from Shields in what could be his final appearance with the Royals. Shields is eligible for free agency at the end of the Series.

Shields had earned the nickname "Big Game James" early in his career but has rarely lived

up to it in October as his 5.74 ERA in 10 postseason starts coming into the game was the sixth highest of all-time.

Shields has particularly struggled this year, allowing 15 runs in 19 innings over his first four starts before settling down his second go-around against the Giants. He got lit up by the Giants in the opener when he said he was too "amped" up, allowing three runs in the first. Overall, he yielded five in three innings in the shortest postseason start of his career.

After tinkering with his mechanics between starts, Shields managed to go six innings in in the game. the rematch despite allowing eight hits. All of them were singles and few were hit hard

but they did enough damage to hand Shields another loss.

"I felt like I had a lot better direction today," Shields said. "I think they had one hard hit ball today. The rest they found holes."

Hunter Pence reached on a single off shortstop Alcides Escobar's glove to lead off the second and advanced when Brandon Belt dropped a bunt single toward third to beat the infield shift. The runners advanced on a deep fly and Pence scored on Brandon Crawford's groundout as manager Ned Yost kept the infield back early

Shields allowed another lead off single in the fourth, to Pablo Sandoval. Before striking out the next two batters. Sandoval advanced to second on Travis Ishikawa's single and scored on Crawford's soft single to center that Jarrod Dyson couldn't pick up cleanly in an attempt to stop Sandoval from scoring.

That's all the damage the Giants would do against Shields, who was helped out by a running grab in deep right-center by Lorenzo Cain that robbed Pence of an extra-base hit with two on and two outs in the fifth.

But it was more than enough to do in the Royals on a night where they managed just four hits off Bumgarner.

"He kept us in the game and he threw great," Hosmer said. "Offensively we couldn't get anything going."

## Cards' Taveras remembered as a future star

STO. DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)—Oscar



Taveras just wanted to hit, to swing his bat all

day and all night, because it's what he loved to do. He wanted to hit in a cage or on a field, wherever there was baseball to be played, his unorthodox left-handed stroke connecting with a thwack just a little bit louder than everyone else's. He didn't understand that baserunning and fielding mattered as much as they do, and that was OK, because he was 22 years old, still just a kid. He had time to learn.

Taveras died Sunday in a car crash in his native Dominican Republic, news that rocked his family, his friends, his home country and his adoptive world, baseball,

which five years after weathering the loss of Nick Adenhart to a wreck tried to wrap its head around another player leaving far too early.

Sadness clouded Game 5 of the World Series, the death of Taveras and his girlfriend, Edilia Arvelo, starting as a rumor out of the D.R., rat-a-tatting around the Twitter echo chamber and eventually receiving confirmation from Taveras'

agent and his team, the St. Louis Cardinals. Details were sparse. They mattered little.

"It's a young man that had a chance to be a huge, bright star," Cardinals outfielder Matt Holliday said.

Taveras arrived this season, a bundle of preternatural hitting talent whose rapid ascent to the major leagues apexed with a home run in his second major league at-bat, a towering, leviathan shot that encapsulated everything he could be

on a baseball field. His swing was long, so he struggled with fastballs, whereas off-speed pitches, like the one Yusmeiro Petit threw that rainy May 31 day, were little bon-bons, delicious and perfectly sized for his appetite.

"When you see bat speed like that," one scout who watched Taveras for years said, "you know it's going to turn into something if he's willing to let it happen."

Everything else he would

learn. That's what the Cardinals reminded themselves when Taveras was late on fastballs, or late to balls in the field, or late on the basepaths. For all of their frustration, the Cardinals knew it was as incumbent on them to help erode his tunnel vision as it was on Taveras to understand success in the major leagues—the sort of .300-hitting, 30-homer success of which scouts believed he was capable—takes time and effort and perspective.

# 'Big Ben' sets franchise records vs Colts



NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Ben Roethlisberger set franchise records with 522 yards passing

and six touchdowns as the Pittsburgh Steelers raced by the Indianapolis Colts 51-34 on Sunday.

Roethlisberger's yardage total was the fourth highest in NFL history. He became the first player to go over 500 yards passing twice as the Steelers (5-3) won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Antonio Brown caught 10 passes for 133 yards and two scores. Heath Miller caught seven passes for 112 yards and the clinching TD with 5:14 remaining.

Andrew Luck passed for 400 yards and three touchdowns, but also threw two interceptions. He handed the Steelers a safety when he was called for intentional grounding in the end zone midway through the fourth quarter as the Colts saw their five-game winning streak end spectacularly.

#### Bengals 27, Raves 24

In Cincinnati, Andy Dalton made up for his two second-half turnovers by scoring on a 1-yard sneak with 57 seconds left, rallying Cincinnati past Baltimore to tighten the AFC North race.

The Bengals (4-2-1) wasted an 11-point lead as Dalton's fumble and interception helped the Ravens (5-3) pull ahead 24-20 with 3:59 left.

That's when Dalton pulled it out against the NFL's stingiest defense. He threw a 53-yard pass to Mohamed Sanu on third-and-10 — safety Terrence Brooks got turned around — and took it the final yard on fourth down, completing a 10-play, 80-yard drive.

The Ravens appeared to regain the lead when Steve Smith Sr. caught a pass and went 80 yards to the end zone with 32 seconds left, but the receiver was called for pushing off to get open.

### Lions 22, Falcons 21

In London, Matt Prater kicked a 48-yard field goal on the last play of the game Sunday, lifting the Lions after trailing by 21 points. Prater capped a second straight late winning drive for the Lions (6-2), who also rallied to beat the Saints last week.

It was the first field goal the Lions made from 40-49 yards all season.

Matthew Stafford threw for 325 yards and two touchdowns, giving him 120 TDs, breaking the Lions record of 118 held by Bobby Layne.

Matt Ryan led the Falcons (2-6) with 228 yards passing and two touchdowns, but clock management problems, a penalty and a dropped pass doomed the Falcons at the end. The blown halftime lead tied the biggest in Atlanta history.



### Cardinals 24, Eagles 20

In Glendale, Carson Palmer lofted a 75-yard touchdown pass to rookie John Brown with 1:21 to play to give Arizona a stunning victory in a matchup of two of the NFL's four one-loss teams entering this week.

The Cardinals (6-1) had a goal-line stand that forced the Eagles (5-2) to settle for a 20-yard field goal that put Philadelphia up 20-17 with 1:56 left.

Then on third-and-5, Palmer — who also had an 80-yard TD pass to Larry Fitzgerald — heaved the ball deep, where the speedy Brown gathered it in and crossed the goal line just as he was being tackled.

The Eagles drove to the Arizona 16. On the last play, Jordan Matthews caught a pass from Nick Foles in the end zone but landed out of bounds.

### Seahawks 13, Panthers 9

In Charlotte, Russell Wilson threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Luke Willson with 47 seconds left. It's the third straight year Wilson has brought the Seahawks (4-3) back from a second-half deficit to beat the Panthers on the road. In the previous two seasons, Wilson threw second-half TD passes to Jermaine Kearse and Golden Tate in tight defensive games.

Carolina's defense, which had allowed at least 37 points in four of its previous five games, held the Seahawks in check before Wilson led a nine-play, 80-yard drive for the only touchdown.

Wilson finished 20 of 32 for 199 yards with one interception and one touchdown.

Cam Newton was 12 of 27 for 121 yards with an intercep-

tion and a fumble for the Panthers (3-4-1).

### Saints 44, Packers 23

In North Carolina, Drew Brees completed 27 of 32 passes for 311 yards and three touchdowns as the Saints ended the Packers' four-game winning streak.

Rookie receiver Brandin Cooks had a 50-yard touch-down catch and a 4-yard scoring run, and tight end Jimmy Graham also caught a touchdown pass to help the Saints (3-4) pull even in victories with Carolina (3-4-1). That sets up a show-down to decide first place in the NFC South on Thursday night.

Aaron Rodgers, intercepted only once in Green Bay's first seven games, was picked off twice on deflected and sacked three times. He still passed for 418 yards, including a 70-yard touchdown pass to Randall Cobb, but it was not nearly enough to prevent the Packers (5-3) from falling a game behind NFC North leader Detroit.

### Patriots 51, Bears 23

In Foxborough, Tom Brady threw five scoring passes as the streaking Patriots crammed three touchdowns into the last two minutes of the first half.

New England (6-2) scored on all five of its possessions in the half — and one of Chicago's — on its way to its fourth straight win. The Bears (3-5) fell behind 45-7 early in the second half and lost for the fourth time in five games.

In one of the best statistical games of his brilliant career, Brady completed 30 of 35 passes for 354 yards. He threw three scoring passes to Rob Gronkowski and one each

to Tim Wright and Brandon LaFell.

Defensive end Rob Ninkovich scored with 55 seconds left in the first half on a 15-yard return of Jay Cutler's fumble.

#### Vikings 19, Buccaneers 13, OT

In Tampa, Anthony Barr forced a fumble on the first play of overtime and returned it 27 yards to score. The stunning end came just 17 seconds after the Vikings (3-5) extended the game on Blair Walsh's 38-yard field goal on the final play of regulation.

Teddy Bridgewater threw for 241 yards, one TD and no interceptions to help Minnesota stop a three-game skid.

Mike Glennon threw a 7-yard scoring pass to Austin Seferian-Jenkins to give Tampa Bay (1-6) a 13-10 lead with 2:02 remaining. But the Bucs' porous defense couldn't stop Bridgewater from putting together a nine-play, 61-yard march to get the game into OT.

Glennon's pass to Seferian-Jenkins gained 10 yards before Barr stripped the ball from the rookie tight end and took it up the left sideline to score.

#### Chiefs 34, Rams 7

In Kansas City, Jamaal Charles ran for two touchdowns and Knile Davis returned a kick 99 yards for another score as the Chiefs trounced their cross-state rival.

Cairo Santos added a pair of field goals for Kansas City (4-3), including a career-best 53-yarder. Alex Smith was 24 of 28 for 226 yards, while Davis capped a run of 34 unanswered points with a short touchdown

run late in the fourth quarter.

Justin Houston had three of the Chiefs' seven sacks.

The banged-up Rams (2-5) lost their sixth straight to Kansas City dating to Sept. 25, 1994, when they were still in Los Angeles. Austin Davis threw for 160 yards with a touchdown and a pick.

### **Dolphins 27, Jaguars 13**

In Jacksonville, rookie Blake Bortles had two interceptions returned for touchdowns, costly mistakes that helped the Dolphins win.

Louis Delmas (81 yards) and Brent Grimes (22 yards) scored on the turnovers for the Dolphins (4-3), who won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Ryan Tannehill's 3-yard pass to Rishard Matthews made it 24-6 late in the third quarter and gave the Dolphins a comfortable cushion in a game they could have easily trailed by double digits.

The Jaguars (1-7) dominated the first half, but trailed 10-3 at the break because of miscues. Bortles was the culprit, continuing a trend that started when he took over the starting job last month.

Bortles had three turnovers Sunday, giving him six in the last two weeks and 13 in six games. Four of those have been interceptions returned for touchdowns.

#### **Bills 43, Jets 23**

In East Rutherford, Kyle Orton threw four touchdown passes as the Bills forced six turnovers, three each by Geno Smith and Michael Vick.

Orton won for the third time

in an undated file photo, set franchise records with 522 yards passing and six touchdowns as the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Indianapolis Colts 51-34 on Sunday.

Ben Roethlisberger, seen here

in four games since replacing EJ Manuel as the starting quarterback for the Bills (5-3), tossing TD passes to Robert Woods, Lee Smith, Scott Chandler and Sammy Watkins against the listless Jets (1-7).

Stephon Gilmore, Preston Brown, Aaron Williams and Da'Norris Searcy had interceptions for the Bills.

The Jets have lost seven straight for the first time since 2005, in Herm Edwards' final season as coach. Geno Smith interceptions on three consecutive possessions in the first quarter and was pulled in favor of Vick, who was picked off once and lost two fumbles.

#### **Browns 23, Raiders 13**

In Cleveland, Brian Hoyer threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Hawkins early in the fourth quarter as the Browns avoided a second straight embarrassing loss.

Hoyer's TD to Hawkins put the Browns (4-3) ahead 16-6, shortly after Cleveland's defense came to the rescue.

Safety Donte Whitner forced a fumble late in the third quarter with a huge hit on Oakland running back Darren McFadden as the Raiders (0-7) were driving deep into Cleveland territory.

Cleveland lost at Jacksonville last week, giving the Jaguars their first win. According to STATS, no team in NFL history has lost consecutive games to winless teams in Week 7 or later.

It was hardly a perfect performance, but the Browns, who were held to 39 yards rushing and converted only 2 of 12 third downs, will take it.

### Texans 30, Titans 16

In Nashville, Arian Foster ran for 151 yards and two touchdowns and also caught a pass for a score in the franchise's 200th game.

The Texans (4-4) also snapped a three-game skid as Foster topped 100 yards rushing in his fourth straight game. J.J. Watt had two sacks and forced a fumble as the Texans beat the team they replaced in Houston for the fourth time in five games.

Texans linebacker Jadeveon Clowney played for the first time since hurting his knee in the season opener. Clowney finished with one tackle.

Rookie Zach Mettenberger turned over the ball twice in his first start, and he also threw for 299 yards and two touchdowns. The Titans (2-6) go into their bye having lost two straight.





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Kimberly King-Hinds nears the finish line of last Saturday's 35K MTB race on Tinian.

Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider is about to cut the tape during last Saturday's 35K MTB race on Tinian.

# Over 60 join Tinian MTB race



The 2nd Annual Tinian Pedaling for Progress

took place last Saturday with the early morning showers failing to deter bikers and supporters from participating in the 35-kilometer MTB race. The Bikers Association of Tinian organized the race together with Pretty In Pink Foundation. The event attracted more than 60 participants and was also dubbed as Progress Breast Cancer Awareness Ride with the event beginning and ending at Taga Beach.

This year's event also includes a youth and children's awareness ride with more than 20 joining the race. The youth and children's awareness ride was sponsored by Gineftao and Tinian Premier Football Club. Lt Governor Jude Hofschneider came out to support the cause

and registered for the race.

Norlo Jacosalem was the overall top finisher in the 35K race after timing in at 1:20:54. He also won in the men's 36 above age group, beating Winston Omar and Fernando Cacabelos, who clocked in at 1:26:18 and 1:28:39, respectively.

In the men's 35 below age group, J.C. Libut came in first at 1:24:50, while Shingo Kajiwara checked in at second with his 1:26:19, and Ian Pascua finished third with his 1:29:33.

In the women's division, Kimberly King-Hinds was the top finisher at 1:25:19 and ruled the 36 and above age division, prevailing over Majorie Cabay (1:57:58). In the above 35, Rosalina Lazaro was the top placer at 1:52:20.

Other finishers include Ulysses Gana (1:44:36), Joe Camacho (1:29:50) and Derek Gifford (2:24:43).

Margo Gifford, spokesperson for Pretty in Pink Foundation and a cancer survivor, attributed the success of this year's event to all the sponsors, participants, volunteers, and supporters. *(PR)* 

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ted 29:06 in the swim leg in the waters of D.T. Fleming Beach, 2:13:32 in the bike race, and 1:05:19 in the run part. He was the No. 41 finisher out of the 71 in his age group (40 to 44) and came in at No. 320 overall (among 659 finishers) and No.

281 in the male division.

Meanwhile, the three debuting Saipan representatives to the annual off-road race also made it to the finish line.

Kaity Mattos was the second best Saipan finisher in Hawaii with her 4:29:46. She had spit times of 36:01, 2:36:14, and 1:11:13 to place at No. 15 (out of 23 participants) in the women's 25 to 29 age group.

Mattos was the No. 496 finisher overall and No. 113 in the women's field.

Kimiko Hasegawa-McKagan reached the finish line less than a minute after Mattos completed the race, as the former recorded 4:30:11. Surprisingly, Hasegawa-McKagan had respectable time in the dreaded swim leg after tallying 40:39, while she logged 2:34:10 and 1:09:47 in the last two legs. Hasegawa-McKagan entered the women's 45 to 49 age group and was ranked No. 16 (out of 29) in the division, No. 117 in the female category, and No. 501 overall.

Eric Cooke also finished XTERRA World under the five-hour mark with his 4:59:34. He joined the men's 25 to 29 age group and posted split times of

34:36, 2:52:04, and 1:26:15. He placed No. 576 overall and 432 in the men's field.

Spain's Ruben Rusafa made it back-to-back in the men's division after recording an event's best 2:29:57. He prevailed over XTERRA Saipan champion Ben Allen and Hugo, who settled for third and fourth, respectively after timing in at 2:34:51 and 2:36:39.

Josiah Middaugh (2:31:12) and Mauricio Mendez (2:38:55) completed the Top 5.

In the women's field, Flora Duffy took the championship after logging 2:48:00 and beating Barbara Riveros (2:50:05) and deposed champion Nicky Samuels (2:56:32). Emma Garrard (2:56:55) and Helena Erbenova (2:57:57) rounded out the Top 5.

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surfacing of the track," Barnes said.

"Once we find the best one, construction will start. Hopefully, we can start by mid November and the resurfacing will need three months to complete," he added.

The former Northern Marianas Athletics president noted that George Washington's track and field facility in Guam was also recently resurfaced and it cost \$350,000 and NMSA will need to spend \$450,000 at the Oleai track to maintain its Level II rating by the International Association of Athletics Federations. "Saipan's track is certified as a Level II track and will continue to carry that rating. Tony Rogolifoi and I have just begun to work with Henry K. Pangelinan on starting this project," added Barnes.

Assessment and evaluation will have to be done in one week before the NMSA can open up the bidding process for one month.

Barnes added the contractor may decide the length of time in completing the project, but most likely it may finish sometime in March.

Once the resurfacing of the track is completed, Saipan can again submit bids to host Oceania Athletics Association events, particularly the 2017 Microne-

sian Athletics Championships since the group has decided to revert to the old regional format.

Calls for repairing the track mounted early this month after OAA executive director Yvonne Mullins and president Geoff Gardener, along with OAA vice president Trevor Spittle and treasurer Titana Juventin, inspected and saw black patches and bubbles forming on the decades-long facility. Harsh weather conditions plus the years of use led to the deterioration of the Oleai track and field facility.

Meanwhile, with the resurfacing of the track set later this year, Barnes said NMA could now focus on the \$80,000 equipment grant from OAA.

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Grace Christian Academy with both teams battling for every point before the Geckos pulled away in the latter portion of the two sets.

The Geckos' varsity also scored a 25-19, 25-8 triumph

against the Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays and pulled off a 25-18, 25-11 victory over the Mt. Carmel School Knights. The defending champions completed the sweep with a 25-13, 25-18 win over the Marianas High School Dolphins.

SIS also defeated MHS in an all-junior varsity show-

down, 25-8, 25-23 and won by forfeit against Saipan Southern varsity before recording a tough 25-16, 21-25, 15-17 victory against Kagman High School's varsity side.

MHS' varsity team went 2-1 to improve its overall record to 7-2. The Dolphins, who lost by default against the Manta Rays' varsity in the first match, de-

feated the Knights and SSHS' junior varsity. MHS downed MSC, forfeit, 25-23 and then escaped with a 25-17, 25-17 win over Saipan Southern.

SSHS junior varsity went 2-1 after that loss to MHS varsity, beating Mt. Carmel varsity, 25-14, 25-22 and MHS junior Varsity, 25-14, 23-25, 15-10, before closing out its assignments with

a 25-27, 20-25 defeat at the hands of KHS varsity.

The Kagman Ayuyus also dropped a 9-25, 17-25 loss to the GCA Eagles in other results, while Marianas Baptist Academy's varsity team split its four games. MBA opened up with consecutive wins over MHS junior varsity, 25-16, 25-12, and Saipan Southern varsity, 15-25,

25-14, 15-11. The Stormz then dropped its last two games, suffering a sorry 25-22, 16-26, 12-15 loss to the GCA Eagles' varsity team and 20-25, 23-25 over the Mt. Carmel Knights' varsity.

The weekend matches made up for the three cancelled playing days when school was postponed during the height of typhoons Phanfone and Vongfong.

# Tan Holdings FC clinches boys U15 title

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Tan Holdings Foot-Club ball hammered

Kanoa FC, 26-0, in the last U15 game in the 2014 NMIFA Fall League to bag the division championship last Friday night at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Tan Holdings finished the round-robin contest with a 4-1-0 win-draw-loss record, tying MP United for the top spot. The Jersh Angelescoached team went on to win the tiebreak due to its superior goal differential—35 against the 27 of MP United.

Going into last weekend's make-up game, Tan Holdings needed at least 19 goals to surpass MP United and by the end of the first half, the team had already scored 12 to move closer to its target.

"Actually, my instruction to the boys is to score over 20 because I am not so sure of our combined goals in the first four games. I am only sure of our 1-1 draw against MP Unit- Holdings' barrage of goals,



ed before the make-up game. To avoid any complication, I told my players to score more in the second half and I am thankful they responded to the challenge," Angeles said.

Emmanuel Aniana led Tan

scoring 7 in the important match. Other members of the team are James David, Ryan Relucio, Mareko Tekopua, John Michael Roxas, James Roger Garcia, Dave and Jeremie Tanghal, Marvyn Batu, Louie Calayag, Alan Hinson,

Mark Ibanez, Hark Joshua Galarion, Davy Laxa, Jonah Members of Tan Holdings Football Club's boys U15 team flash the No. 1 sign after beating Kanoa FC and ruling the division during the NMIFA fall league last Friday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Pohl, Albert Bergancia, Jonathan Capavas, Junsik Kim, Mark Maestro, Jherico Thiamzon, and John Mercader.

Aniana and company bagged their first U15 division crown, ending MP United's long reign and Angeles credited the team's intact roster and chemistry to their success this fall season.

"Most of our guys have been together for the past three years and they know how to complement each other's game," Angeles said.

Angeles' crew started their bid in the fall season with a 2-0 victory over Paire FC. The eventual division champion also prevailed against Matansa FC, 5-1, and Shirley' FC, 3-0, before facing rival MP United in a crucial match last Oct. 17.

Against MP United, Kim saved Tan Holdings' season after scoring the game-tying goal in the second half. Earlier in the first half, Matthew Ong put MP United on top with his goal in the 34th minute. With Kim's equalizer and MP United and Tan Holdings settling for a draw, last Friday's make-up match became the deciding factor in the division championship.

Tan Holdings were pressed to gain at least 19 goals against Kanoa to prevail in the tie after the former remained in a deadlock with MP United in the head-to-head and goals allowed departments. Following their draw in their lone meeting this season, MP United and Tan Holdings allowed their opponents to only two goals. MP United gave up the other goal in their 3-1 victory over Paire last month.

## Stronger, smarter Alvarez to bounce back

By JON PEREZ



Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez vowed to return a stronger and smarter fighter after suffering

a first-round loss to Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) veteran Darren Uyenoyama in Pacific Xtreme Combat 45 last Friday night at the University of Guam Fieldhouse in Mangilao.

"This [loss] only drives me to aim and reach much higher. I will be back 10 times stronger, 10 times smarter and 10 times better," Alvarez posted on Face-

The 21-year-old Trench Tech fighter suffered a first round loss to Uyenoyama via referee 30 seconds left in their non-title fight in the 125-pound division.

safe distance.

exploit his weaknesses.

saw an opening, he grabbed Alvarez who was attempting for a body kick for the take down. On several occasions, his way for a full mount then began his barrage of punches

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Shane Alvarez, right, lost his match against Darren Uyenoyama but gained confidence and experience in his young MMA career.

stoppage contest with less than

Alvarez, according to his father Cuki, started aggressively from the opening bell as he delivered a number of leg kicks, forcing Uyenoyama to keep a

Uyenoyama just let Alvarez do his thing and waited patiently before making his move to

And when the 35-year-old Alvarez managed to get out of Uyenoyama's hold but the world-class fighter worked from all angles, forcing referee Tony D'Angelo to stop the fight.

"Shane needed to taste a world class level of a fighter like Darren. He remained in good spirits despite the loss and is excited to get back to training," said the older Alvarez. "It's back to the [gym] for us to sharpen our swords."

Cuki added his son need to improve on his take down defense and wrestling skills, and at the same time enhance further his grappling and jiu jitsu.

Shane, on a Facebook post, apologized for the loss but also thanked his fans for their support. "It was a good fight but I could have done better. Everyone is still proud of me. I'm so happy and honored to have such loving fans like you all."

"I learned so much in just one round so it is still a winwin situation for me. But a loss is a loss. Darren is the real deal and he is a world class and tough fighter. It would have been a different story if I just hung in there in the first round," he added.

"I will make sure that next time around I get the win no matter whom I face. This is only the beginning, we are only going up from here and that's a promise," Shane said.

Shane, who also thanked his sponsors Isla Energy, Trench Tech, FISG, Kulan-Zamu, dropped to 11-2 with three wins by way of knockout, three by submission and four by decision. Uyenoyama improved to 9-5 with one victory via KO, four by submission and three by decision.

## Ol'Aces keep flawless record

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



The San J o s e Ol'Aces remained

undefeated in the U18 division of the 2014 BANMI Youth League, following its 63-34 demolition of the Rollers B last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

San Jose Ol'Aces notched their fifth straight victory, while the Rollers B has yet to enter the win column in four tries.

Karlo De Leon and Ignacio led the Ol'Aces' easy win, scoring 13 and 12 points, respectively. De Leon found his target early, drilling 5 points in the first period to lift the Ol'Aces to a confortable 20-6 advantage.

The Ol'Aces were never threatened from thereon, as the Rollers B clearly struggled on offense in the first three periods with single-digit outputs. The Rollers B finally got its shooting touch in the fourth, firing 18 points, but these were not enough to even cut the deficit to a respectable number, as the Ol'Aces nearly doubled-up the former's score, posting a 29-point winning margin.

Meanwhile, the Rollers and Ol'Aces registered contrasting wins in the U14 division games last Saturday.

In the first match, the Rollers waltzed to a 59-32 victory

ROSELYN B. MONROYO San Jose Ol'Aces' K.J. Nabors muscles his way into the basket against a KFC defender during an earlier game in the U18 division of the BANMI youth caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

over Tinian, while in the second tiff, the Ol'Aces pulled off a 41-38 win against Division of Youth Services.

The Ol'Aces escaped with the 3-point win after hitting clutch free throws. Alvin Pua, Donovan Ada, and Kimo Angailen scored one charity each in the homestretch to help the Ol'Aces prevail in the close game.

Shakobe Rangamar also helped the Ol'Aces' cause, posting 3 of the team's last 6 points. Rangamar went on to top-score for the Ol'Aces with his 10 points.

In the Rollers-Tinian tiff, the

former had the game in the bag right after the first half,35-12. Chris Arceo led Rollers 1's early domination, nailing 10 of his 16 points in the opening 20 minutes of play.

#### **FRIDAY**

San Jose Ol'Aces 63 – De Leon 13, Borja 12, D. Sablan 5, Pangelinan 5, Mendoza 5, Cruz 4, Jumaas 3, Hofschneider 3, Nabors 2, J. Sablan 2.

Rollers B 34 – Ogumoro 10, Tengco 7, Factor 6, Bucayo 4, Kwon 2, Yu 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-6, 34-14, 42-16, 63-34.





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# Faster Peter hits target in XTERRA

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second the straight time, Peter Prestley emerged as the fastest Saipan finisher in XTERRA World Championship, completing last Sunday's race (Monday on Saipan) in Hawaii under the four-hour mark.

Prestley finished the 1.5-kilometer swim, 30K bike, and 10K run in 3:52:52 to meet his target, which was to



four hours and surpass the 4:06:46 he registered during her XTERRA World debut last year.

"14 minutes faster than last year. Big waves during the swim, 2 wipeouts on

the bike banking tight turns with a bad fork, but a nice breeze on the run. Time for a burger and a beer!," Prestley said on his Facebook post yesterday.

Prestley, who placed ahead of Butch Sublemente (4:23:55) and Lewie Tenorio (4:12:05) in last year's race, submit-





Peter Prestley, left, and Kimiko Hasegawa-McKagan smiles after competing the 2014 XTERRA World Championship in Hawaii yesterday.

## Oleai track resurfacing eyed in November

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The resurfacing of the Oleai track facility is set to begin by mid November this vear, as the Northern Marianas Sports As-

sociation will be receiving a Community Development Block Grant from the Northern Mariana Housing Corp.

NMSA vice president Kurt Barnes, in a telephone interview, said aside from the track resurfacing the money will be used to replace the 4-feet fence at the southern boundary of the Oleai Sports Complex.

Barnes said they requested an amount of \$400,000 to \$750,000 "since there is a scarcity of experts in the Micronesian area regarding construction of tracks.

He added they have yet to receive the money from NMHC since they are in the process of completing all the necessary paperwork.

"There is a process that we have to go through. We need to finish the paperwork and also consult an architect and an engineer then begin with the bidding process to choose the construction company that will handle the re-

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Saipan International School coaches and players huddle during a break in their make-up games in the MISO volleyball league last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada

## Geckos sweep make-up games in v'ball

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ternational School went perfect last

Saipan In-

Saturday, winning all its seven make-up matches in the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Volleyball League at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

SIS' varsity squad won all of its four matches, while its junior varsity team was victorious after three games. The Geckos' varsity team highlighted the sweep with a hardearned 25-18, 25-21 decision over

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Young runners compete in a qualifying race for the All Schools Championship last year at the Oleai Sports Complex 's track and